

the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and I want to add my support for the Watts/Moran/Thornberry Amendment. It is a first step toward providing our military retirees with needed, affordable health care coverage.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of this amendment offered by my colleagues, Representatives J.C. WATTS (R-OK), JIM MORAN (D-VA), and WILLIAM "MAC" THORNBERRY (R-TX) that will help provide a portion of the military retiree community with affordable, accessible, high-quality health care by allowing them to join the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). This amendment authorizes the Department of Defense (DoD) to conduct a demonstration program to enroll Medicare-eligible military retirees in the (FEHBP). The cost of the demonstration program is offset by the sale of the National Defense Stockpile materials. Furthermore, this demonstration project features a three-year program located at 6–10 sites around the nation. It will provide coverage for Medicare eligible military retirees (age 65 and above). This amendment will also cap costs at \$100 million per year.

Mr. Chairman, although adoption of this amendment falls far short of our original commitments to our veterans. I believe that the passage of this amendment will bring a step closer the promise of lifetime health care made to career military and retirees is kept and I urge all of my colleagues to support the passage of this amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. All time has expired.

The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The question was taken; and the Chairman pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 420, noes 1, answered "present" 1, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 178]

AYES—420

Abercrombie	Boehlert	Chenoweth
Ackerman	Boehner	Christensen
Aderholt	Bonilla	Clay
Allen	Bonior	Clayton
Andrews	Bono	Clement
Archer	Borski	Clyburn
Armey	Boswell	Coble
Bachus	Boucher	Coburn
Baesler	Boyd	Collins
Baker	Brady (PA)	Combest
Baldacci	Brady (TX)	Condit
Ballenger	Brown (CA)	Conyers
Barcia	Brown (FL)	Cook
Barr	Brown (OH)	Cooksey
Barrett (NE)	Bryant	Costello
Barrett (WI)	Bunning	Cox
Bartlett	Burr	Coyne
Barton	Burton	Cramer
Bass	Buyer	Crane
Becerra	Callahan	Crapo
Bentsen	Calvert	Cubin
Bereuter	Camp	Cummings
Berman	Campbell	Cunningham
Berry	Canady	Danner
Bilbray	Cannon	Davis (FL)
Billirakis	Capps	Davis (IL)
Bishop	Cardin	Davis (VA)
Blagojevich	Carson	Deal
Bliley	Castle	DeFazio
Blumenauer	Chabot	DeGette
Blunt	Chambliss	Delahunt

DeLauro	Johnson (WI)	Pallone
DeLay	Johnson, E. B.	Pappas
Deutsch	Jones	Pascarell
Diaz-Balart	Kanjorski	Pastor
Dickey	Kaptur	Paul
Dicks	Kasich	Paxon
Dingell	Kelly	Payne
Dixon	Kennedy (MA)	Pease
Doggett	Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi
Dooley	Kennelly	Peterson (MN)
Doolittle	Kildee	Peterson (PA)
Doyle	Kilpatrick	Petri
Dreier	Kim	Pickering
Duncan	Kind (WI)	Pitts
Dunn	King (NY)	Pombo
Edwards	Kingston	Pomeroy
Ehlers	Klecza	Porter
Ehrlich	Klink	Portman
Emerson	Klug	Poshard
Engel	Knollenberg	Price (NC)
English	Kolbe	Pryce (OH)
Ensign	Kucinich	Quinn
Eshoo	LaFalce	Radanovich
Etheridge	LaHood	Rahall
Evans	Lampson	Ramstad
Everett	Lantos	Rangel
Ewing	Largent	Redmond
Farr	Latham	Regula
Fattah	LaTourette	Reyes
Fawell	Lazio	Riggs
Fazio	Leach	Riley
Filner	Lee	Rivers
Foley	Levin	Rodriguez
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Roemer
Ford	Lewis (GA)	Rogan
Fossella	Lewis (KY)	Rogers
Fowler	Linder	Rohrabacher
Fox	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Frank (MA)	Livingston	Rothman
Franks (NJ)	LoBiondo	Roukema
Frelinghuysen	Lofgren	Roybal-Allard
Frost	Lowe	Royce
Furse	Lucas	Rush
Gallegly	Luther	Ryun
Gejdenson	Maloney (CT)	Sabo
Gekas	Maloney (NY)	Salmon
Gephardt	Manton	Sanchez
Gibbons	Manzullo	Sanders
Gilchrest	Markey	Sandlin
Gillmor	Martinez	Sanford
Gilman	Mascara	Sawyer
Goode	Matsui	Saxton
Goodlatte	McCarthy (MO)	Scarborough
Goodling	McCarthy (NY)	Schaefer, Dan
Gordon	McCollum	Schaffer, Bob
Goss	McCrery	Schumer
Graham	McDade	Scott
Granger	McDermott	Sensenbrenner
Green	McHale	Serrano
Greenwood	McHugh	Sessions
Gutierrez	McInnis	Shadegg
Gutknecht	McIntosh	Shaw
Hall (OH)	McIntyre	Shays
Hall (TX)	McKeon	Sherman
Hamilton	McKinney	Shimkus
Hansen	McNulty	Shuster
Hastert	Meehan	Sisisky
Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)	Skeen
Hastings (WA)	Menendez	Skelton
Hayworth	Metcalf	Slaughter
Hefley	Mica	Smith (MI)
Hefner	Millender-	Smith (NJ)
Hergert	McDonald	Smith (OR)
Hill	Miller (CA)	Smith (TX)
Hilleary	Miller (FL)	Smith, Adam
Hilliard	Minge	Smith, Linda
Hinches	Mink	Snowbarger
Hinojosa	Moakley	Snyder
Hobson	Mollohan	Solomon
Hoekstra	Moran (KS)	Souder
Holden	Moran (VA)	Spence
Hooley	Morella	Spratt
Horn	Murtha	Stabenow
Hostettler	Myrick	Stark
Houghton	Nadler	Stearns
Hoyer	Neal	Stenholm
Hulshof	Nethercutt	Stokes
Hunter	Neumann	Strickland
Hutchinson	Ney	Stump
Hytch	Northup	Stupak
Inglis	Norwood	Sununu
Istook	Nussle	Talent
Jackson (IL)	Oberstar	Tanner
Jackson-Lee	Obey	Tauscher
(TX)	Olver	Tauzin
Jefferson	Ortiz	Taylor (MS)
Jenkins	Owens	Taylor (NC)
John	Oxley	Thompson
Johnson (CT)	Packard	Thornberry

Thune	Walsh	Weygand
Thurman	Wamp	White
Tiahrt	Waters	Whitfield
Tierney	Watkins	Wise
Towns	Watt (NC)	Wolf
Traficant	Watts (OK)	Woolsey
Turner	Waxman	Wynn
Upton	Weldon (FL)	Yates
Velazquez	Weldon (PA)	Young (AK)
Vento	Weller	Young (FL)
Visclosky	Wexler	

NOES—1

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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—11

Bateman	McGovern	Skaggs
Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)	Torres
Harman	Parker	Wicker
Johnson, Sam	Pickett	

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So the amendment was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN. The Committee will rise informally.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) assumed the chair.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman William, one of his secretaries.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

The Committee resumed its sitting.

PREFERENTIAL MOTION OFFERED BY MR. FRANK OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise and report the bill back to the whole House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, I have offered the motion to strike the enacting clause to have a chance to protest against the outrageous denial of democratic procedures.

Along with the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL), the gentleman from Ohio, who chairs the Committee on the Budget, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. HILLEARY), the gentleman from California (Mr. CONDIT), and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO), I offered an amendment to the Committee on Rules to require that American ground troops leave Bosnia by December 31 of this year.

We recently had a supplemental in which we were asked and voted, I did not but the majority did, an additional \$162 million per month for the American ground troops in Bosnia. I believe, and others do, that it is time for the Europeans to step up.

We believe, at the very least, this House ought to vote on whether or not