

An Amendment to H. Res. 223 Offered by Ms. Slaughter of New York

At the end of the resolution, add the following new sections:

**SEC. 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution or the adoption of an amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules, it shall be in order to consider the amendment specified in section 3 as though printed as the last amendment in part B if offered by Representative Tonko of New York or a designee. That amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

**SEC. 3.** The amendment referred to in section 2 is as follows:

At the end of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_ SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON SAVING HEALTH CARE FOR SENIORS, MILITARY, AND VETERANS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**--The House finds that--

(1) senior citizens and persons with disabilities highly value the Medicare program and rely on Medicare to guarantee their health security; and

(2) active duty military servicemembers and their families value the high-quality health care they receive through Tricare and other programs run by the Department of Defense, and veterans rely on the health service network run by the Department of Veterans Affairs to address their unique health needs.

(b) **SENSE OF THE HOUSE.**--It is the sense of the House that--

(1) the Congress should reject legislation that--

(A) protects tax cuts for the wealthy and special interests while shifting health care costs onto seniors through a policy to replace Medicare with vouchers or premium support for the purchase of private insurance; or

(B) damages the excellent care provided to the men and women who are serving and who have served the country in uniform; and

(2) any future health care legislation that eliminates quality Federal health care programs and--

(A) replaces them with vouchers or premium support for the purchase of private insurance; or

(B) sets caps on Federal health care spending, should exclude programs for seniors, military servicemembers and their families, and veterans.