

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 5166  
OFFERED BY MR. MILLER OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Working to Integrate  
3 Networks Guaranteeing Member Access Now Act” or the  
4 “WINGMAN Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF ACCESS TO CASE-TRACKING INFOR-**  
6 **MATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 59 of title 38, United  
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 **“§ 5906. Access of certain congressional employees to**  
11 **veteran records**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary shall provide  
13 to each veteran who submits a claim for benefits under  
14 the laws administered by the Secretary an opportunity to  
15 permit a covered congressional employee employed in the  
16 office of the Member of Congress representing the district  
17 where the veteran resides to have access to all of the

1 records of the veteran in the databases of the Veterans  
2 Benefits Administration.

3 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
4 upon receipt of permission from the veteran under para-  
5 graph (1), the Secretary shall provide read-only access to  
6 such records to such a covered congressional employee in  
7 a manner that does not allow such employee to modify  
8 the data contained in such records or in any part of a  
9 database of the Veterans Benefits Administration.

10 “(b) COVERED CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.—(1)  
11 In this section, a covered congressional employee is a per-  
12 manent, full-time employee of a Member of Congress—

13 “(A) whose responsibilities include assisting the  
14 constituents of the Member with issues regarding de-  
15 partments or agencies of the Federal Government;  
16 and

17 “(B) who satisfies the criteria required by the  
18 Secretary for recognition as an agent or attorney  
19 under this chapter.

20 “(2) The Secretary may not impose any requirement  
21 other than the requirements under paragraph (1) before  
22 treating an employee as a covered congressional employee  
23 for purposes of this section.

1       “(c) NONRECOGNITION.—A covered congressional  
2 employee may not be recognized as an agent or attorney  
3 under this chapter.

4       “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5           “(1) The term ‘database of the Veterans Bene-  
6 fits Administration’ means any database of the Vet-  
7 erans Benefits Administration in which the records  
8 of veterans relating to claims for benefits under the  
9 laws administered by the Secretary are retained, in-  
10 cluding information regarding medical records, com-  
11 pensation and pension exams records, rating deci-  
12 sions, statements of the case, supplementary state-  
13 ments of the case, notices of disagreement, Form-  
14 9, and any successor form.

15           “(2) The term ‘Member of Congress’ means a  
16 Representative, a Senator, a Delegate to Congress,  
17 or the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico.”.

18       “(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
19 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
20 at the end the following new item:

“5906. Access of certain congressional employees to veteran records.”.

