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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4242

OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 207. OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF FINANCIAL**
2 **PROCESSES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) the normal budget process for the Depart-
7 ment of Veterans Affairs should be grounded in
8 sound actuarial analysis based on accurate demand
9 forecasting;

10 (2) the regular budget process for the Depart-
11 ment should be the norm;

12 (3) supplemental requests for appropriations
13 should be used sparingly and for unforeseen demand
14 or natural occurrences; and

15 (4) upon receipt of the financial audit of the
16 Office of Inspector General of the Department, the
17 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and
18 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
19 Representatives shall give due consideration to the
20 report, including by holding hearings as appropriate

1 (b) PLANS FOR USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIA-
2 TIONS REQUIRED.—Whenever the Secretary submits to
3 address a budgetary issue affecting the Department of
4 Veterans Affairs to Congress a request for supplemental
5 appropriations or any other appropriation when the re-
6 quest is submitted outside the standard budget process,
7 the Secretary shall, not later than 45 days before the date
8 on which such budgetary issue would start affecting a pro-
9 gram or service, submit to Congress a justification for the
10 request, including a plan that details how the Secretary
11 intends to use the requested appropriation and how long
12 the requested appropriation is expected to meet the needs
13 of the Department and certification that the request was
14 made using an updated and sound actuarial analysis.

15 (c) ANNUAL ATTESTATION REGARDING FINANCIAL
16 PROJECTIONS.—Concurrent with the President’s annual
17 budget request submitted to Congress under section 1105
18 of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2019 and
19 each fiscal year thereafter, the Chief Financial Officer of
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the
21 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the
22 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives the following:

24 (1) A statement of assurance that financial pro-
25 jections included in such budget or the supporting

1 materials submitted along with such budget for the
2 Department of Veterans Affairs are sufficient to
3 provide benefits and services under laws adminis-
4 tered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

5 (2) A certification of the Chief Financial Offi-
6 cer's responsibility for internal financial controls of
7 the Department.

8 (3) An attestation that the Chief Financial Of-
9 ficer has collaborated sufficiently with the financial
10 officers of the facilities and components of the De-
11 partment to be confident in such financial projec-
12 tions.

