Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 886, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)

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H. R. 886

To direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2019

Mr. Crist (for himself, Ms. Stefanik, Mr. Aguilar, Mr. Allred, Mr. Baird, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mrs. Brooks of Indiana, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Cisneros, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Cook, Mr. Crow, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, Mr. DeFazio, Mrs. Demings, Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Deutch, Mrs. Dingell, Ms. Frankel, Ms. Gabbard, Mr. Gaetz, Miss González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Mr. Gonzalez of Texas, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Harder of California, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Heck, Mr. Hice of Georgia, Mr. Higgins of Louisiana, Mr. Higgins of New York, Ms. Hill of California, Ms. Norton, Ms. Houlahan, Ms. Jayapal, Mr. Jones, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Keating, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Kildee, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Kind, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Lawson of Florida, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Lowenthal, Mrs. Luria, Mr. Mast, Ms. McColloum, Ms. Moore, Mr. Moulton, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Norman, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Payne, Mr. Perlmutter, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Posey, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Riggleman, Mr. Rose of New York, Mr. Rouda, Mr. Ruppersberger, Mr. Rush, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Serrano, Ms. Sewell of Alabama, Ms. Sherrill, Ms. Slotkin, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Soto, Mr. Suozzi, Mr. Turner, Mr. Upton, Mr. Vela, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Walden, Mrs. Walorski, Mr. Waltz, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Yarmuth, Mr. Smucker, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Shalala, and Ms. Kendra S. Horn of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
A BILL

To direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that veterans treatment courts are a successful program aimed at helping veterans charged with non-violent crimes receive the help and the benefits for which the veterans are entitled.

SEC. 3. VETERAN TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Attorney General shall establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program to provide grants and technical assistance to court systems that—

(1) have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court Program; or

(2) have filed a notice of intent to establish a Veterans Treatment Court Program with the Sec-

etary.
(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Veterans Treatment Court Program established under subsection (a) is to ensure the Department of Justice has a single office to coordinate the provision of grants, training, and technical assistance to help State, local, and Tribal governments to develop and maintain veteran treatment courts.

(e) PROGRAMS INCLUDED.—The Veterans Treatment Court Program established under subsection (a) shall include the grant programs relating to veterans treatment courts carried out by the Attorney General pursuant to sections 2901, 2991, and 3021 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10581, 10651, and 10701) or any other provision of law.

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.