Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 983, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 983

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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tional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans,
and for other purposes.

1   Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2   tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3   SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4   This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Crimes
5   Against Veterans Act of 2021”.

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SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL TOOL TO PREVENT CERTAIN FRAUDS AGAINST VETERANS.

(a) In General.—Chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits

“(a) Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to execute, any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining veteran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

“(b) In this section—

“(1) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38; and

“(2) the term ‘veterans’ benefits’ means any benefit provided by Federal law for a veteran or a dependent or survivor of a veteran.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1352. Fraud regarding veterans’ benefits.”.

SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.