Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Full Committee Markup

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Bill, 2022

**MANAGER’S AMENDMENT**
Offered by Ms. Wasserman Schultz of Florida

**In the REPORT:**

On page 49 of the report, strike the paragraph with the header, “ATLAS Program Implementation” and insert the following:

> “ATLAS Program Implementation.—The Committee commends VA for being a leader in the adoption of connected care solutions through its Anywhere-to-Anywhere telehealth initiative, such as the ATLAS Program. Where deployed, ATLAS offers Veterans the ability to securely access VA care in purpose-built settings from easily accessed locations in their home communities. The Committee urges VA to continue the Department’s Anywhere-to-Anywhere initiative, and directs the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, that (1) details VA’s progress on, and timetable for, the expansion of the program, particularly in rural and tribal areas where in-person healthcare options are even more limited; and (2) assesses the feasibility, cost, possible partner locations and advisability of expanding the project to remote Veteran communities in the Pacific Islands Region by opening new ATLAS stations in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Freely Associated States.”

On page 66 of the report, after the paragraph on “Energy Monitoring”, insert the following:

> “Medical Waste Report.—The Committee reminds the Department of its interest in the costs and benefits of on-site medical waste treatment systems, and
that House Report 116-445 requested a report on the issue. The Committee directs VA to provide the report within 30 days of enactment of this Act.”
AMENDMENT TO MILITARY CONSTRUCTION & VA
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. TONY GONZALES OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. ______. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act for the Department of Defense may be used to construct, renovate, or expand any facility in the United States or its territories or possession to house any individual described in subsection (c) for the purpose of the detention or imprisonment of the individual in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense.

(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to the modification of any facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

(c) An individual described in this subsection is any individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and who—

(1) is not a citizen of the United States or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(2) is—
(A) in the custody or under the effective
control of the Department of Defense; or

(B) otherwise under detention at United
States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SEC. ______. None of the funds made available by
the Act may be used to carry out the closure or realign-
ment of the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo
Bay, Cuba.