

Bill Number/Name/ Sponsor	Purpose of the bill	Latest Action(s)	FMA Position
<p><b>H.R. 4182: EQUALS Act</b></p> <p>Rep. James Comer</p> <p>Cosponsors: 3</p>	<p>To extend probationary period two years upon completion of training.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Passed the House by a vote of 213-204. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2gTwEIS">http://bit.ly/2gTwEIS</a></p>	<p>FMA supports extension of the probationary period; Our preferred length is two years from date of hire, to bring the rest of the federal government in line with DOD.</p>
<p><b>S. 1887: Direct Hire of Students and Recent Graduates Act of 2017</b></p> <p>Sen. James Lankford</p> <p>Cosponsors: 0</p>	<p>To grant expedited hiring authority to the head of an agency to appoint college graduates and post-secondary students.</p>	<p>Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2l2ruZF">http://bit.ly/2l2ruZF</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which makes hiring for managers easier.</p>
<p><b>H. Con. Res. 71</b></p> <p>Rep. Diane Black</p> <p>Cosponsors: 0</p>	<p>Budget Resolution.</p>	<p>Passed the House by a 219-206 vote. Passed the Senate by a 51-49 vote with all cuts towards federal employees removed.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2zBCro2">http://bit.ly/2zBCro2</a></p>	<p>FMA is strongly opposed to the House budget which seeks to cut \$32 billion over ten years to federal compensation and retirement programs.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 3303: First Responder Fair RETIRE Act</b></p> <p>Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 7</p>	<p>A bill to ensure federal employees with “physically demanding jobs” do not lose out on retirement benefits if they are forced to end their careers due to a work-related injury before becoming retirement eligible.</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case</p>	<p>FMA is in favor of the bill as it guarantees the right for feds to receive the benefits they will earn over years of hard work.</p>

		<p>for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2ysFRMp">http://bit.ly/2ysFRMp</a></p>	
<p><b>H.R. 3269</b></p> <p>Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 26</p>	<p>To repeal the revised annuity employee and further revised annuity employee categories within the Federal Employees Retirement System, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2tkfXEE">http://bit.ly/2tkfXEE</a></p>	<p>FMA is in favor of this bill that repeals the revised annuity.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 3257:</b> Promote Accountability and Government Efficiency Act</p> <p>Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 3</p>	<p>Any employee in the civil service hired on or after the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act shall be hired on an at-will basis.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2uqb3ZV">http://bit.ly/2uqb3ZV</a></p>	<p>FMA fervently opposes the bill which enables feds to be fired for good cause, bad cause or no cause.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 3097:</b> Holding SSA Employees Accountable Act</p> <p>Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 57</p>	<p>To amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit credit for service for purposes of a Federal annuity to employees of the Social Security Administration for certain violations, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2vGsiUq">http://bit.ly/2vGsiUq</a></p>	<p>FMA strongly opposes this bill that prevents Social Security employees from earning credit for service and sets a dangerous precedent for the rest of the federal government.</p>

<p><b>H.R. 3031:</b> TSP Modernization Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 8</p>	<p>A bill to amend section 8433 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from the Thrift Savings Fund.</p>	<p>Passed the House by a voice vote. Agreed to in the Senate without amendment and signed into law.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2vFKqOb">http://bit.ly/2vFKqOb</a></p>	<p>FMA supports the bill which offers more options for feds from the TSF.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 3026:</b> Strengthening Loan Forgiveness for Public Servants Act</p> <p>Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 5</p>	<p>A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a percentage of student loan forgiveness for public service employment, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2s4AbRr">http://bit.ly/2s4AbRr</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which aims to protect student loan forgiveness.</p>
<p><b>S. 1412</b></p> <p>Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 10</p>	<p>A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a percentage of student loan forgiveness for public service employment, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2rL9WQL">http://bit.ly/2rL9WQL</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which aims to protect student loan forgiveness.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 2929</b></p> <p>Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 9</p>	<p>To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain combat zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2sW12Dw">http://bit.ly/2sW12Dw</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which puts more money into feds' pockets.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 2648:</b> Veterans Transition Improvement Act</p> <p>Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 6</p>	<p>To ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities.</p>	<p>Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2snOxgo">http://bit.ly/2snOxgo</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill making it easier for new feds who are former veterans to get the treatment they need.</p>

<p><b>H.R. 2331:</b> Connected Government Act</p> <p>Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 2</p>	<p>To require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Passed the House unanimously and received in the Senate.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qCdcgF">http://bit.ly/2qCdcgF</a></p>	<p>FMA supports the bill which requires a modern federal website.</p>
<p><b>S. 1218:</b> Empowering FED Vets Act</p> <p>Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 4</p>	<p>A bill to promote Federal employment for veterans, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qC9dnl">http://bit.ly/2qC9dnl</a></p>	<p>FMA is in favor of the bill which recruits veterans into federal employment.</p>
<p><b>S. 1094:</b> Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017</p> <p>Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 39</p>	<p>To improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Passed the Senate by a voice vote. Passed the house by a vote of 368-55 and signed into law.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qC9dnl">http://bit.ly/2qC9dnl</a></p>	<p><b>FMA strongly opposes this bill which seeks to erode due process and strip benefits for feds in the VA.</b></p>
<p><b>S. 990:</b> MGT Act</p> <p>Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 3</p>	<p>To modernize Government information technology, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2r0UkaV">http://bit.ly/2r0UkaV</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which would modernize the federal government's information technology.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 2227:</b> MGT Act</p> <p>Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 18</p>	<p>To modernize Government information technology, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Passed the House by a voice vote. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2q3MYX8">http://bit.ly/2q3MYX8</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which would modernize the federal government's information technology.</p>

<p><b>H.R. 2221:</b> Government Shutdown Prevention Act</p> <p>Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 1</p>	<p>To prohibit a government shutdown by automatically providing a CR of funding if a budget is not passed in time.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qKVNFJ">http://bit.ly/2qKVNFJ</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which would prevent a shutdown of the government should a budget not be passed in time.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 2214</b></p> <p>Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 2</p>	<p>To prohibit the payment of salary to Members of Congress in the event of a Government shutdown, to direct the Congressional Budget Office to submit daily reports during the period.</p>	<p>Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2pdZnbz">http://bit.ly/2pdZnbz</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which puts Members of Congress in the same position as other feds if they do not do their job and allow the government to be shut down.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 2162:</b> End Government Shutdowns Act</p> <p>Rep. Rodney Davis (D-IL)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 1</p>	<p>To prohibit a government shutdown by automatically providing a CR of funding if a budget is not passed in time.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2pXEosV">http://bit.ly/2pXEosV</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which would prevent a shutdown of the government should a budget not be passed in time.</p>
<p><b>S. 918:</b> End Government Shutdowns Act</p> <p>Sen. Rob Portman (D-OH)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 6</p>	<p>To provide specified continuing appropriations to prevent a government shutdown if any appropriations measure for a fiscal year has not been enacted or a joint resolution making</p>	<p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2ph1ZW1">http://bit.ly/2ph1ZW1</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which would prevent a shutdown of the government should a budget not be passed in time.</p>

	continuing appropriations is not in effect after the fiscal year begins.		
<p><b>H.R. 1878</b></p> <p>Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 8</p>	To prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the Small Business Administration.	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qU7300">http://bit.ly/2qU7300</a></p>	FMA supports this bill which aims to curtail the effects of hiring freezes.
<p><b>H.R. 1839:</b> Retired Civil Servant Military Service Restoration Act</p> <p>Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-TX)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 0</p>	To amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the timing of deposits relating to the Civil Service Retirement System with respect to crediting military service, and for other purposes.	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qKDdOj">http://bit.ly/2qKDdOj</a></p>	FMA supports this bill because it makes it easier for feds who served in the armed forces to collect benefits.
<p><b>H.R. 1794:</b> Hold Congress Accountable Act</p> <p>Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 16</p>	To reduce the annual rate of pay of Members of Congress if a Government shutdown occurs during a year, and for other purposes.	<p>Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2pdS3fX">http://bit.ly/2pdS3fX</a></p>	FMA supports this bill which puts Members of Congress in the same position as other feds if they do not do their job and allow the government to be shut down.
<p><b>S. 899</b></p> <p>Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 3</p>	To ensure that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of	<p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qnM6gO">http://bit.ly/2qnM6gO</a></p>	FMA is in favor of this bill which makes it easier for new feds to get the medical treatments they need.

	the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.		
<p><b>H.R. 1789:</b> No Government No Pay Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. Richard Nolan (D-MN)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 6</p>	To prohibit the pay of Members of Congress during periods in which a Government shutdown is in effect, and for other purposes.	<p>Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qKEGEf">http://bit.ly/2qKEGEf</a></p>	FMA supports this bill which puts Members of Congress in the same position as other feds if they do not do their job and allow the government to be shut down.
<p><b>H.R. 1779:</b> No Budget, No Pay Act</p> <p>Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 24</p>	To provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills	<p>Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2qiNBgm">http://bit.ly/2qiNBgm</a></p>	FMA is in favor of this bill as it aims to incentivize Congress of passing timely budgets which affect every federal employee.
<p><b>S. 901</b></p> <p>Sen. Hirono (D-HI)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 10</p>	A bill to prohibit any reduction in the amount of the per diem allowance to which members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps or civilian employees of the Department of Defense are entitled based on the duration of temporary duty assignments or official travel, and for other purposes.	<p>Referred to the Committee on Armed Services.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2plvHET">http://bit.ly/2plvHET</a></p>	FMA supports this bill because it protects per diem amounts received by federal employees during temporary duty assignment.

<p><b>S. 861:</b> Federal Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2017</p> <p>Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 18</p>	<p>In the event of a shutdown on April 28, the date on which current funding expires, federal workers would be given back pay once the government reopened.</p>	<p>Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 35.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2ojBLie">http://bit.ly/2ojBLie</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which gives federal employees their rightful pay in the event of the government shutdown.</p>
<p><b>S. 873:</b> TSP Modernization Act of 2017</p> <p>Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 4</p>	<p>A bill to amend section 8433 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from the Thrift Savings Fund.</p>	<p>Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2plvHET">http://bit.ly/2plvHET</a></p>	<p>FMA supports the bill which offers more options for feds from the TSF.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 1561</b></p> <p>Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 7</p>	<p>To prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2nNhROM">http://bit.ly/2nNhROM</a></p>	<p>FMA supports the bill which prohibits the effects of the hiring freeze on the hardworking feds of the NIH and the CDC.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 1716</b></p> <p>Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 10</p>	<p>To prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the Environmental Protection Agency.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2nkqy1M">http://bit.ly/2nkqy1M</a></p>	<p>FMA supports the bill which prohibits the effects of the hiring freeze on the hardworking feds of the EPA.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 1594</b></p> <p>Rep Matt Cartwright (D-PA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 3</p>	<p>To ensure that the percentage increase in rates of basic pay for prevailing wage employees shall be equal to the percentage increase received by other Federal employees in the same pay locality, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2nvwrts">http://bit.ly/2nvwrts</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill that aims to increase wages for feds.</p>

<p><b>S. 585:</b> Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017</p> <p>Sen. Ron Johnson</p> <p>Cosponsors: 1</p>	<p>Provides federal employees with better whistleblower protections.</p>	<p>Passed the Senate and House by unanimous consent and was signed into law.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2z3YPt5">http://bit.ly/2z3YPt5</a></p>	<p>FMA does not support this bill because it creates different rules and protections for different levels of employees.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 1259:</b> VA Accountability First Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. David Roe (R-TN)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 26</p>	<p>To provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Passed the house by a 237-178 vote and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2mBPsep">http://bit.ly/2mBPsep</a></p>	<p>FMA opposes the bill which makes it easier to fire or demote feds at the Department of Veterans Affairs.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 1022:</b> Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 75</p>	<p>To provide that 6 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to House Administration.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2m48aYO">http://bit.ly/2m48aYO</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which expands the rights of feds and would grant parental leave.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 1004:</b> Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 8</p>	<p>To require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Passed the house by a 246-176 vote and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2m4U7DY">http://bit.ly/2m4U7DY</a></p>	<p>FMA opposes the bill as it makes it more difficult for agencies to engage in advocacy and others to engage on advocacy on their behalf.</p>

<p><b>H.R. 1001:</b> Veterans Federal Hiring Protection Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 35</p>	<p>To exempt certain veterans and other individuals from the application of the hiring freeze.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2IEEiR2">http://bit.ly/2IEEiR2</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill calling for exceptions from the hiring freeze for veterans.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 990</b></p> <p>Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 9</p>	<p>To prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting Department of Defense civilian positions in facilities that perform depot maintenance or are designated as a center for industrial and technical excellence, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2lsz92j">http://bit.ly/2lsz92j</a></p>	<p>FMA supports the bill which protects feds who work at depots from being affected from any hiring freeze.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 989</b></p> <p>Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 8</p>	<p>To exempt certain Department of Defense civilian positions from any furlough as a result of a lapse in discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2kxQtmY">http://bit.ly/2kxQtmY</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill as it protects feds from any furlough.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 757:</b> FAIR Act</p> <p>Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 70</p>	<p>To increase the rates of pay under the statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.2 percent.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2kR0Y1B">http://bit.ly/2kR0Y1B</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill because it seeks to increase the pay of hardworking federal employees.</p>

<p><b>S. 255: Fair Act</b> Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) Cosponsors: 7</p>	<p>To increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.2 percent.</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2kceQXj">http://bit.ly/2kceQXj</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill because it seeks to increase the pay of hardworking federal employees.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 742</b> Rep. Derek Kilmer: (D-WA) Cosponsors: 5</p>	<p>To prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting any Department of Defense position at, or in support of, a public shipyard.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2kQSMOS">http://bit.ly/2kQSMOS</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill as it protects feds who work at shipyards from being affected from any hiring freeze.</p>
<p><b>S. 250</b> Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) Cosponsors: 4</p>	<p>To prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting any Department of Defense position at, or in support of, a public shipyard.</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on Armed Services.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2kXOxTV">http://bit.ly/2kXOxTV</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill as it protects feds who work at shipyards from being affected from any hiring freeze.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 899</b> Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) Cosponsors: 12</p>	<p>To terminate the Department of Education.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2kdWdwZ">http://bit.ly/2kdWdwZ</a></p>	<p>FMA opposes this bill because it will eliminate jobs for feds doing good work on behalf of our nation's public education.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 861</b> Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) Cosponsors: 7</p>	<p>To terminate the Environmental Protection Agency.</p>	<p>Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2kyYMf6">http://bit.ly/2kyYMf6</a></p>	<p>FMA opposes this bill as it will eliminate jobs for federal employees who work tirelessly to protect the environment.</p>

<p><b>H.R. 559:</b> MERIT Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 35</p>	<p>The head of an agency may remove an employee from the civil service if the head determines the performance or misconduct of the individual warrants such removal.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2kZL6Na">http://bit.ly/2kZL6Na</a></p>	<p><b>FMA opposes this bill as it erodes due process for federal employees.</b></p>
<p><b>H.R. 396:</b> Tax Accountability Act of 2017</p> <p>Rep. Jason Chaffetz</p> <p>Cosponsors: 0</p>	<p>To provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2jKDhsZ">http://bit.ly/2jKDhsZ</a></p>	<p><b>FMA opposes this bill as it singles out feds who are behind on their taxes, prevents them from being hired; wrong when you consider feds pay their taxes more promptly than their private sector counterparts.</b></p>
<p><b>H.R. 696</b></p> <p>Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 98</p>	<p>To prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the Department of Veterans Affairs.</p>	<p>Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2kb2YTX">http://bit.ly/2kb2YTX</a></p>	<p>While FMA is strongly against any hiring freeze, we support this bill which maintains standard hiring at the VA in the event of a hiring freeze.</p>
<p><b>H.R. 274:</b> Modernizing Government Travel Act</p> <p>Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 10</p>	<p>To provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by federal employees traveling on official Government business, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Passed the House and Senate by a voice vote, presented to the President and became Public Law No: 115-34.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2jetwEA">http://bit.ly/2jetwEA</a></p>	<p>FMA supports this bill which clarifies and calls for accurate reporting of reimbursements for official travel by federal employees.</p>
<p><b>S. 114:</b> Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act</p> <p>Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV)</p> <p>Cosponsors: 3</p>	<p>To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/2jepex9">http://bit.ly/2jepex9</a></p>	<p><b>FMA opposes bill because it singles out hardworking feds who would be arbitrarily subjected for bonuses that they would normally earn outright.</b></p>

	of the Department of Veterans Affairs.		
<b>H.R. 295:</b> REDUCE Act Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) Cosponsors: 8	Reduce full-time members of the Department of Defense by 15%/reducing DOD members to 85% of levels based on September 30, 2016.	Referred to the House Subcommittee on Readiness.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2j4CSSp">http://bit.ly/2j4CSSp</a>	FMA opposes bill because reducing the members of the DOD is detrimental to national security and increases the chances of inefficiency and lower quality work.
<b>S.29:</b> Fair RETIRE Act Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) Cosponsors: 4	A bill to ensure federal employees with “physically demanding jobs” do not lose out on retirement benefits if they are forced to end their careers due to a work-related injury before becoming retirement eligible.	Referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2ifDIKV">http://bit.ly/2ifDIKV</a>	FMA is in favor of the bill as it guarantees the right for feds to receive the benefits they will earn over years of hard work.
<b>H.R. 85</b> Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Cosponsors: 6	To make 1 percent across-the-board rescissions in non-defense, non-homeland-security, and non-veterans-affairs discretionary spending for each of the fiscal years 2017 and 2018.	Referred to House Appropriations Committee.  <a href="http://bit.ly/2jAeqJy">http://bit.ly/2jAeqJy</a>	FMA opposes bill because it cuts resources to agencies whose mission is to make the government run with more efficiency and make American life better.