

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2317

Subject PLUS Act

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, Legislation currently pending in Congress, Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans Act (PLUS Act) proposes amendments to Title 38 of the United States Code, to allow private companies, including foreign-owned entities, to handle the review of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, We have deep concerns regarding the protection and security of sensitive personal data and medical information of military veterans, and

WHEREAS, We believe that granting private companies, particularly those with foreign ownership, access to such data poses a potential risk of unauthorized access, misuse, or exploitation, thereby compromising the privacy and well-being of veterans, and

WHEREAS, We assert that the review of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should remain within the purview and oversight of government entities accountable to the American people, and

WHEREAS, We believe that government entities responsible for reviewing claims for benefits possess the necessary expertise, understanding, and accountability to serve the unique needs and circumstances of military veterans, and

WHEREAS, We believe that retaining these processes within government agencies ensures the highest level of expertise, transparency, and adaptability to meet the evolving needs of veterans' care, and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is dedicated to protecting the national security interests of the United States and advocating for the welfare of military veterans; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion recognizes the potential national security risks associated with outsourcing the processing and filing of veteran disability claims to private companies, particularly those with foreign ownership; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion maintains that government entities responsible for reviewing claims for benefits possess the necessary expertise, understanding, and accountability to serve the unique needs and circumstances of military veterans, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Legion urge Congress not to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit private companies including those with foreign ownership to handle the review of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That if approved by the Department of New York at its Convention in Westchester, New York, on July 20th-22nd, 2023, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization August 25th-31st, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

American Legion Department of New York

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved Rejected

Approved with Amendments _____

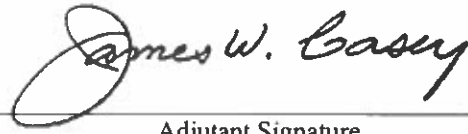
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Referred to Standing Committee on _____

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Other Action:

Signature: Frank J. Peters
(Chairman)



Adjutant Signature

Department Adjutant

Title

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Frank J. Peters, Chairman

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Department Resolutions Committee

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