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HR 299 -- Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 – Update

This week there is a very important vote coming to the House. Both the Majority and Minority leadership has agreed to suspend the House rules and to vote on **H.R. 299** – *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, as amended (Sponsored by Rep. Mark Takano / Veterans Affairs Committee)*. By a Suspension of the Rules, as in both party leadership teams have no problem with the bill. Therefore, it comes straight to the floor and is required to get 2/3 majority of the House to pass and they do not get amended. This is used on noncontroversial bills every single week. I am hearing that the bill is expected to pass. If passed, the bill will go to the Senate to act.

At my upcoming meeting I plan on bringing up the Court Decision that told the VA that these claims have merit and should be acted on. However, the court also stated that “boots on the ground” was a moot point. My opinion, and my alone, is I don’t see the VA acting on this until they have legislation that has cleared the House and Senate and the President’s signature.

At this point, I can say watch for movement to begin sometime during the remainder of the week.

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