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## Statement by Acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie

## Committee Approval of H.R. 5674, the VA MISSION Act

I commend Chairman Roe and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for approving the VA MISSION Act today and sending it to the full House for a vote.

As White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said vesterday, the bill "will transform the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) into a modern, high-performing, and integrated healthcare system that will ensure our veterans receive the best healthcare possible from the VA, whether delivered in the VA's own facilities or in the community."

With funding for the Choice Program set to run out <u>as early as May 31</u>, Veterans are counting on Congress to approve this vital legislation by Memorial Day and send it to President Trump, who <u>has said he will sign it immediately</u>.

As I've underscored before, our Veterans deserve no less, and I will continue to work with House and Senate leaders to make this happen by then.