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House Armed Services Committee Adds Akin Amendment to Wounded Warriors Bill

WASHINGTON, DC- Yesterday, Congressman Todd Akin (R-Mo), added language to the Wounded Warriors Act (HR 1538) that was being considered by the House Armed Services Committee. The amendment ensures that funds will not be diverted from medical care for service men and women in order to comply with new administrative requirements resulting from directives in the act under consideration.

“The purpose of the amendment was to ensure that military medical care is not compromised or shortchanged by new administrative directives from Congress,” said Akin. “Congress must be clear that we do not want any funds that now go to medical care to be diverted to administrative costs as we address inexcusable shortcomings in veteran care.”

The amendment reads as follows:

The Secretary of Defense may not transfer funds or personnel from medical care functions to administrative functions within the Department of Defense in order to comply with the new administrative requirements imposed by this Act or the amendments made by this Act.