

House Ways and Means Committee
Markup of Bills to Combat the Opioid Crisis
May 16, 2018

On May 16, the House Ways and Means Committee held a markup of several bills addressing the opioid misuse and overdose epidemic.

While the markup was largely bipartisan, Democrats did raise some concerns. Rep. Kind (D-WI) said he was concerned about the lack of hearings prior to markup and Rep. Doggett (D-TX) was concerned that scores with the costs of the bills are not available from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and said that the changes in H.R. 5774 and H.R. 5775 could be accomplished administratively without requiring legislation. Additionally, as noted below, Doggett offered two amendments, both of which were tabled due to points of order. Ranking Member Neal (D-MA)'s opening statement is available [here](#).

A summary of the votes on the bills considered today follows:

- [H.R. 5774, “Combating Opioid Abuse for Care in Hospitals \(COACH\) Act”](#) – approved as [amended](#) by voice vote
 - A summary of the technical changes made by the managers amendment is available [here](#)
- [H.R. 5775, “Providing Reliable Options for Patients and Educational Resources \(PROPER\) Act”](#) approved as [amended](#) by voice vote
 - A summary of the technical changes made by the managers amendment is available [here](#)
 - Rep. Doggett offered an amendment to encourage attorney generals to pursue suits against pharmaceutical manufacturers; a point of order was raised and was sustained by a vote of 23 – 14
- [H.R. 5776, “Medicare and Opioid Safe Treatment \(MOST\) Act”](#) approved as [amended](#) by voice vote
 - A summary of the changes made by the managers amendment is available [here](#)
- [H.R. 5773, “Preventing Addiction for Susceptible Seniors \(PASS\) Act”](#) approved as [amended](#) by voice vote
 - A summary of the changes made by the managers amendment is available [here](#)
 - Rep. Doggett offered an amendment to direct HHS to negotiate naloxone drug pricing; a point of order was raised and was sustained by a vote of 22 - 13
 - During his introduction of the amendment, Doggett listed companies, including Kaleo, who had raised naloxone prices
- [H.R. 5676, “Stop Excessive Narcotics in our Retirement \(SENIOR\) Communities Protection Act”](#) approved as [amended](#) by voice vote
 - A summary of the changes made by the managers amendment is available [here](#)
- [H.R. 5723, “Expanding Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Payment Act”](#) approved as [amended](#) by voice vote
 - A summary of the changes made by the managers amendment is available [here](#)
- [H.R. 5788, “Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act of 2018”](#) approved as [amended](#) by voice vote
 - A summary of the changes made by the managers amendment is available [here](#)