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HOUSE PASSES HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL
Nursings' contributions to health care system recognized

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) applauds House lawmakers for passing “H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act.” This landmark legislation was approved by a vote of 220-215 in a Saturday session. ANA has been a tireless advocate for meaningful health care reform which recognizes the vital role of nurses, creates a system that is responsive to the needs of all consumers, and provides equal access to safe, high-quality cost-effective care for all.

“Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, or an Independent, there is one thing that we all can agree on; as nurses, we only want the very best for our profession and for the patients that we serve. Though this is a momentous day for those of us committed to making health care reform a reality, there is still a lot of work ahead. On behalf of the nation’s 2.9 million nurses, I urge the Senate to consider this legislation and bring it to a vote before the end of the year,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.