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[H.R. 3262, Providing for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 3262](#), *providing for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 2360 was introduced on July 28, 2015 by Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL) and was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3262 authorizes the VA to transfer 0.6 acres of land from its property in Danville, IL, on which an over 100-year old Carnegie Library sits, in exchange for 1.06 acres of land currently owned by Danville Area Community College (DACC).

BACKGROUND

The Danville VA has expressed an interest in building a fence along its perimeter, but the current makeup of the property lines prevent such a fence from being built. The DACC has expressed interest in the over 100-year old Carnegie Library that currently sits on VA property, which they intend to renovate into an arts center. By swapping these pieces of land, the Danville VA will no longer be responsible for maintenance of the library, and DACC can begin planned renovations.¹

According to the bill sponsor, "This is a pretty simple, commonsense bill. The VA would get the land they need to consolidate their property and build a straight fence line, and they would no longer have to maintain an aging library. The college would get the land they want with the library on it that they would then be able to renovate. It's a win-win."²

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is not available.

¹ See Rep. John Shimkus Press Release, "[Shimkus Testifies on VA, DACC Land Swap Bill](#)," December 8, 2015.

² See Rep. John Shimkus Press Release, "[Shimkus Introduces Bill to Allow for Danville VA, DACC Land Swap](#)," August 10, 2015.

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