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## *H.R. 3204: The Journey and Expected Destination*

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### **HOW DID WE GET TO NOVEMBER 27, 2013?**

The date November 27, 2013, has a dual meaning for me. Not only did President Obama sign H.R. 3204 into law, but on this date, I had neck surgery to straighten my neck and fuse my C6 and C7 vertebrae. My surgery was necessary (the pain was excruciating with a completely disintegrated disc and the shifting of two vertebrae squeezing two different nerve roots). For me, the surgery was a success. Sometimes surgery on the neck and spine creates more pain, with the “cure” being worse than the problem.

My personal journey to November 27, 2013, and my neck surgery started at birth. My primary care physician said genetically I had a predisposition for neck problems. (I am sure I did things in life that did not help matters regarding my neck condition.) As far as the Drug Quality and Security Act, it was not the first law to try to address regulations on pharmaceutical drugs. In Chapter 8, we take an in-depth look at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the history of pharmaceutical drug regulations. For now, let’s focus on the compounding of drugs and the recent attempts to regulate them. The Drug Quality and Security Act amended the FDA Modernization Act of 1997. Let’s take a look at the FDA Modernization Act of 1997.