VETERAN LEGISLATION
28 December 2010

The 111th Congress is closed. By law the new Congress begins at noon January 3 (regardless of the day of the week) of each odd-numbered year following a general election, unless it designates a different day by law. A Congress lasts for two years, with each year constituting a separate session. Thus the 112th Congress is scheduled to convene at noon 3 JAN 2011. At that time all bills not passed to the President for signature will have to be reintroduced as new legislation.

Of the 6570 House and 4059 Senate pieces of legislation introduced in the 111th Congress to date, the following are of interest to the non-active duty veteran community. A good indication on the likelihood of a bill of being forwarded to the House or Senate for passage and subsequently being signed into law by the President is the number of cosponsors who have signed onto the bill. An alternate way for it to become law is if it is added as an addendum to another bill such as the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and survives the conference committee assigned to iron out the difference between the House and Senate bills. At http://thomas.loc.gov you can review a copy of each bill's text, determine its current status, the committee it has been assigned to, who your representative is and his/her phone number, mailing address, or email/website to communicate with a message or letter of your own making, and if your legislator is a sponsor or cosponsor of it. To separately determine what bills, amendments your representative has sponsored, cosponsored, or dropped sponsorship on refer to http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d111/sponlst.html. To review a numerical list of all bills introduced refer to http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/111search.html.

The Following Color Codes Apply to the Bills Listed Below

1. Bills that are being pushed by various veterans groups for passage include a website highlighted in red which if clicked on will take the reader to a preformatted message for automatic transmission to their legislator requesting he/she support the bill.
2. Bill numbers that have passed either the House or Senate and have been forwarded to the other chamber for action are highlighted in Green.
3. Bills that have passed both chambers of Congress and been signed into law are highlighted in Blue.
4. Bills that the RAO considers to have the highest priority are highlighted in Yellow.
5. Bill numbers that have been incorporated in other bills are highlighted in Gray.
6. Bill numbers and titles in vilot (if any) are new additions to this summary,

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House Bills

H.R.23 : ***Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (168)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/13/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
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H.R.32 ***: Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Companion Bill S.315
Sponsor: Rep McIntyre, Mike [NC-7] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (41)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/28/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Provisions of measure incorporated into H.R. 3949 .

H.R.33 : ***Disability Benefit Fairness Act of 2009*** to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 5-month waiting period for entitlement to disability benefits and to eliminate reconsideration as an intervening step between initial benefit entitlement decisions and subsequent hearings on the record on such decisions.
Sponsor: Rep McIntyre, Mike [NC-7] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.43 : ***Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2009*** to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.
Sponsor: Rep Becerra, Xavier [CA-31] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (190) Related bill S.46
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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H.R.82 : ***Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2009*** to expand retroactive eligibility of the Army Combat Action Badge to include members of the Army who participated in combat during which they personally engaged, or were personally engaged by, the enemy at any time on or after December 7, 1941.
Sponsor: Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny [FL-5] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (19)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.84 ***: Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny [FL-5] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings

Held.

H.R.108 : ***Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents.
Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.114 : ***Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition Business Benefit Act*** to allow veterans to elect to use, with the approval of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, certain financial educational assistance to establish and operate certain business, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/10/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Hearings Held.

H.R.147 : ***Designate a Portion of Tax Payment for Homeless Vets.*** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (93)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
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H.R.161 : ***Social Security Beneficiary Tax Reduction Act*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 increase in taxes on Social Security benefits.
Sponsor: Rep Paul, Ron [TX-14] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.162 : ***Senior Citizens' Tax Elimination Act*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits.
Sponsor: Rep Paul, Ron [TX-14] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.174 : ***Colorado Vet Cemetery.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.
Sponsor: Rep Salazar, John T. [CO-3] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 11/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.177 : ***Depleted Uranium Screening and Testing Act*** to provide for identification of members of the

Armed Forces exposed during military service to depleted uranium, to provide for health testing of such members, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Serrano, Jose E. [NY-16] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.190 : ***Veterans Health Equity Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State. Companion Bill S.239.
Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.198 : ***Health Care Tax Deduction Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for amounts paid for health insurance and prescription drug costs of individuals.
Sponsor: Rep Stearns, Cliff [FL-6] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.208 ***: National Guardsmen and Reservists Parity for Patriots Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who have served on active duty or performed active service since September 11, 2001, in support of a contingency operation or in other emergency situations receive credit for such service in determining eligibility for early receipt of non-regular service retired pay, and for other purposes. Companion Bill S.644.
Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (172)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.210 : ***Vet Cemetery South Carolina Land Acquisition Study.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.217 : ***Vet Cemetery South Carolina Land Acquisition Purchase.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acquire a parcel of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee

concerned.

H.R.228 : ***Visual Impairment VA Scholarship Program*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.
Sponsor: Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila [TX-18] (introduced 1/7/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/28/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Provisions of measure incorporated into H.R. 3949 .

H.R.236 : ***Social Security Protection Act*** to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits.
Sponsor: Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny [FL-5] (introduced 1/7/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Rules; House Budget
Latest Major Action: 1/7/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.237 : ***Military Retiree Health Care Relief Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit to military retirees for premiums paid for coverage under Medicare Part B.
Sponsor: Rep Emerson, Jo Ann [MO-8] (introduced 1/7/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/7/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
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H.R.247 : ***Protect Our Veterans Memorials Act of 2009*** to amend section 1369 of title 18, United States Code, to extend Federal jurisdiction over destruction of veterans' memorials on State or local government property.
Sponsor: Rep Green, Gene [TX-29] (introduced 1/7/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.270 : ***TRICARE Continuity of Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Families Act of 2009*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for continuity of TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of the Retired Reserve. Companion Bill S.731.
Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 1/7/2009) Cosponsors (72)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.293 : ***Homeless Women Veteran and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a grant program to provide reintegration services through programs and facilities that emphasize services for

homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (15)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.294 ***: Veteran Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the reauthorization of the Department of Veterans Affairs small business loan program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (19)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.295 : ***More Jobs for Veterans Act of 2009*** to authorize appropriations for the veterans' workforce investment programs.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Education and Labor
Latest Major Action: 3/16/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

H.R.296 : ***Armed Forces Disability Retirement Enhancement Act of 2009*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the process by which a member of the Armed Forces is retired for disability and becomes eligible for retirement pay, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.297 : ***Veteran Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Subsistence Allowance Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of subsistence allowance payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans participating in vocational rehabilitation programs, and for other purposes. Companion Bill S.514
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (10)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.303 : ***Retired Pay Restoration Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (136)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.309 : ***American Heroes' Homeownership Assistance Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain current and former service members to receive a refundable credit for the purchase of

a principal residence.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.333 : ***Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to eliminate the phase-in period for concurrent receipt, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Marshall, Jim [GA-8] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (168)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.341 : ***Suspend Limitations Period for Tax Refund on VA Retroactive Payments.*** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the running of periods of limitation for credit or refund of overpayment of Federal income tax by veterans while their service-connected compensation determinations are pending with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Platts, Todd Russell [PA-19] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.347 : ***Congressional Gold Medal Award.*** To grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.
Sponsor: Rep Schiff, Adam B. [CA-29] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (297) – Related bill S.1055
Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration
Latest Major Action: 5/18/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R.379 : ***State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Expansion Act*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that all taxpayers have the ability to deduct State and local general sales taxes. Companion Bill S.35.
Sponsor: Rep Blackburn, Marsha [TN-7] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (26)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.394 : ***Medal of Honor Pension.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension provided under that title by up to $1,000.
Sponsor: Rep Brown, Henry E., Jr. [SC-1] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on

Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.403 : ***Homes for Heroes Act of 2009*** to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (41)
Committees: House Financial Services; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 6/17/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R.423 ***: Samuel B. Moody Bataan Death March Compensation Act*** to provide compensation for certain World War II veterans who survived the Bataan Death March and were held as prisoners of war by the Japanese.
Sponsor: Rep Mica, John L. [FL-7] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.433 : ***Ready Employers Willing to Assist Reservists' Deployment (REWARD) Act*** of 2009 to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax equal to 50 percent of the compensation paid to employees while they are performing active duty service as members of the Ready Reserve or the National Guard and of the compensation paid to temporary replacement employees.
Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (40)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.442 : ***Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act of 2009*** to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rehberg, Denny [MT] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (212)
Committees: House Judiciary; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.449 : ***Health Care for America's Heroes Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the availability of health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by adjusting the income level for certain priority veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/16/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.456 : ***Disabled Veteran Small Business Eligibility Expansion Act of 2009*** to amend the Small Business Act to make service-disabled veterans eligible under the 8(a) business development program.
Sponsor: Rep Wittman, Robert J. [VA-1] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Small Business
Latest Major Action: 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R.466 : ***Wounded Veteran Job Security Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination and acts of reprisal against persons who receive treatment for illnesses, injuries, and disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the uniformed services.
Sponsor: Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-25] (introduced 1/13/2009) Cosponsors (8)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/9/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.482 **: Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act** to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I.
Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 1/13/2009) Cosponsors (51)
Committees: House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.484 : ***Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act*** to require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services and benefits for certain new beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program.
Sponsor: Rep Rogers, Mike D. [AL-3] (introduced 1/13/2009) Cosponsors (46)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.531 : ***Social Security Number Fraudulent Use Notification Act of 2009*** to amend title II of the Social Security Act to require that the Commissioner of Social Security notify individuals of improper use of their Social Security account numbers.
Sponsor: Rep Myrick, Sue Wilkins [NC-9] (introduced 1/14/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.568 : ***Veterans Health Care Quality Improvement Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Costello, Jerry F. [IL-12] (introduced 1/15/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 1/16/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.593 : ***CRSC for DoD Disability Severances Pay.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the authorized concurrent receipt of disability severance pay from the Department of Defense and compensation for the same disability under any law administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs to cover all veterans who have a combat-related disability, as defined under section 1413a of such title.
Sponsor: Rep Smith, Adam [WA-9] (introduced 1/15/2009) Cosponsors (44)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.612 : ***Disabled Veterans Insurance Act of 2009*** to amend section 1922A of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of supplemental insurance available for totally disabled veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 1/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.613 : ***Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for forgiveness of certain overpayments of retired pay paid to deceased retired members of the Armed Forces following their death.
Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 1/21/2009) Cosponsors (64)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.620 : ***Jobs for Veterans Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an increased work opportunity credit with respect to recent veterans.
Sponsor: Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] (introduced 1/21/2009) Cosponsors (14) Related Bill: H.R.4443
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.627 : ***Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009*** to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14] (introduced 1/22/2009) Cosponsors (128) Related Bill S.235
Companion Bill S.414
Committees: House Financial Services
House Reports: 111-88
Latest Major Action**:** Became **Public Law No: 111-24**

H.R.656 : ***Unemployed Early Retirement Plan Withdrawal without Penalty.*** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain individuals who have attained age 50 and who are unemployed to receive distributions from qualified retirement plans without incurring a 10 percent additional tax.
Sponsor: Rep Platts, Todd Russell [PA-19] (introduced 1/22/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.667 : ***Heroes at Home Act of 2009*** to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Salazar, John T. [CO-3] (introduced 1/23/2009) Cosponsors (46)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.668 : ***Critical Access Hospital Flexibility Act of 2009*** to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare Program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans. Companion Bill S.307
Sponsor: Rep Walden, Greg [OR-2] (introduced 1/23/2009) Cosponsors (10)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/23/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.671 : ***In Memory Medal for Forgotten Veterans Act*** to direct the Secretary of Defense to issue a medal to certain veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam War as a direct result of that service.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/26/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.731 : ***Jenny's Law*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude individuals who have been convicted of committing certain sex offenses from receiving certain burial-related benefits and funeral honors which are otherwise available to certain veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and related individuals, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Shadegg, John B. [AZ-3] (introduced 1/27/2009) Cosponsors (26)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.746 : ***Safeguarding America's Seniors and Veterans Act of 2009*** to provide for economic recovery payments to recipients of Social Security, railroad retirement, and veterans disability benefits.
Sponsor: Rep Adler, John H. [NJ-3] (introduced 1/28/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.761 : ***Parental Burial in National Cemeteries (Corey Shea Act).*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.
Sponsor: Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] (introduced 1/28/2009) Cosponsors (3) Related Bill H.R.3949
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/28/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Provisions of measure incorporated into H.R.3949 .

H.R.775 : ***Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act*** to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation.
Sponsor: Rep Ortiz, Solomon P. [TX-27] (introduced 1/28/2009) Cosponsors (352) Companion Bill S.535
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/15/2010 Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Jones. Petition No: 111-10.
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H.R.784 : ***VA Reports to Congress.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on vacancies in mental health professional positions in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.
Sponsor: Rep Tsongas, Niki [MA-5] (introduced 1/28/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/3/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.785 : ***VA Outreach Training.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide outreach and training to certain college and university mental health centers relating to the mental health of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes. Companion Bill S.543
Sponsor: Rep Tsongas, Niki [MA-5] (introduced 1/28/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/3/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.806 : ***TRICARE Mail-Order Pharmacy Pilot Program Act*** to establish a mail-order pharmacy pilot program for TRICARE beneficiaries.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 2/3/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.809 : ***Widow Remarriage Age Decrease for DIC.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce from age 57 to age 55 the age after which the remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 2/3/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
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H.R.811 : ***Retired Pay Restoration Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation. Companion Bill S.546
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 2/3/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.816 : ***Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain increases in fees for military health care.
Sponsor: Rep Edwards, Chet [TX-17] (introduced 2/3/2009) Cosponsors (202)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 2/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on

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H.R.819 : ***POW DIC Eligibility Date.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date.
Sponsor: Rep Holden, Tim [PA-17] (introduced 2/3/2009) Cosponsors (17)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.870 : ***Medicare Medically Necessary Dental Care Act of 2009*** to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under part B for medically necessary dental procedures.
Sponsor: Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] (introduced 2/4/2009) Cosponsors (17)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.879 ***: Affordable Health Care Expansion Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance.
Sponsor: Rep Granger, Kay [TX-12] (introduced 2/4/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.883 : ***Social Security 1993 Tax Increase Repeal.*** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 increase in income taxes on Social Security benefits.
Sponsor: Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] (introduced 2/4/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.917 : ***Combat-Related Injury Death Dependent Health Benefits.*** To increase the health benefits of dependents of members of the Armed Forces who die because of a combat-related injury.
Sponsor: Rep Guthrie, Brett [KY-2] (introduced 2/9/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.919 : ***Veterans' Medical Personnel Recruitment and Retention Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice [TX-30] (introduced 2/9/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.929 : ***VA Vet Training Program.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of training to provide eligible veterans with skills relevant to the job market, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Welch, Peter [VT] (introduced 2/9/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.931 : ***Veterans Employment Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit with respect to certain unemployed veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Nye, Glenn C., III [VA-2] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (None) Related bill: H.R.4443
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.942 : ***Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2009*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot project on the use of educational assistance under programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs to defray training costs associated with the purchase of certain franchise enterprises.
Sponsor: Rep Alexander, Rodney [LA-5] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.944 : ***Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.950 : **Vet Distance Learning Assistance**. To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learning.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (30)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.952 : ***Compensation Owed for Mental Health Based on Activities in Theater Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.
Sponsor: Rep Hall, John J. [NY-19] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (95)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/10/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported

(Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.953 : ***Veterans Travel Tax Relief Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities.
Sponsor: Rep Heller, Dean [NV-2] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (68)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.954 : ***Social Security Benefits Fairness Act of 2009*** to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, subject to a reduction of 50 percent if the recipient dies during the first 15 days of such month, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Holden, Tim [PA-17] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.972 : ***Retired Reserve Age for Health Benefits.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement that certain former members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces be at least 60 years of age in order to be eligible to receive health care benefits.
Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/17/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.1004 : ***Veterans Health Care Full Funding Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enhanced funding process to ensure an adequate level of funding for veterans health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H. [NJ-4] (introduced 2/11/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1016 : ***Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (125)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
House Reports: 111-171
Latest Major Action: **Became Public Law No: 111-81**

H.R.1017 : ***Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act*** to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand

access to such care and services.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (37) Related bill S.1204
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/25/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1034 : **Honor and Remember Flag.** To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Forbes, J. Randy [VA-4] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (28)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 3/16/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

H.R.1036 : ***Veterans Physical Therapy Services Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physical Therapy Service within the Veterans Health Administration and to establish a fellowship program for physical therapists in the areas of geriatrics, amputee rehabilitation, polytrauma care, and rehabilitation research.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (31)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/1/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1037 : ***Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under title 38, United States Code.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
House Reports: 111-162
Latest Major 10/7/2009 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

H.R.1038 : ***Shingles Prevention Act*** to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for the shingles vaccine under the Medicare Program.
Sponsor: Rep Hirono, Mazie K. [HI-2] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (12)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1042 : ***Enemy POW Hospitalization Policy.*** To prohibit the provision of medical treatment to enemy combatants detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in the same facility as a member of the Armed Forces or Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1075 : ***Restoring Essential Care for Our Veterans for Effective Recovery (RECOVER) Act*** to amend

title 38, United States Code, to expand access to hospital care for veterans in major disaster areas, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Scalise, Steve [LA-1] (introduced 2/13/2009) Cosponsors (19)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1088 : ***Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 2/13/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1089 : ***Veterans Employment Rights*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and unemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 2/13/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2009 **Referred to Senate committee**. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1098 : ***Veterans' Worker Retraining Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain individuals pursuing internships or on-job training.
Sponsor: Rep Perriello, Thomas S.P. [VA-5] (introduced 2/13/2009) Cosponsors (13)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/10/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.1114 : ***National Cemetery Availability.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national cemeteries located in that geographic area.
Sponsor: Rep Rehberg, Denny [MT] (introduced 2/23/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1163 : ***Establish Nebraska National Cemetery.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri.
Sponsor: Rep Terry, Lee [NE-2] (introduced 2/24/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1168 : ***Veterans Retraining Act of 2009*** to amend chapter 42 of title 38, United States Code, to provide certain veterans with employment training assistance.

Sponsor: Rep Boozman, John [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1169 : ***VA Adapted Housing/Automobile Assistance.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment.
Sponsor: Rep Boozman, John [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (8)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

H.R.1170 : ***Adapted Housing Technology Grants.*** To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.
Sponsor: Rep Boozman, John [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1171 : ***Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014.
Sponsor: Rep Boozman, John [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/31/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1172 : VA ***Website Scholarship Info Addition.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.
Sponsor: Rep Boozman, John [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
House Reports: 111-164
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1182 : ***Military Spouses Residency Relief Act*** to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Carter, John R. [TX-31] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (208)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/8/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.1197 : ***Medal of Honor Health Care Equity Act of 2009*** to assign a higher priority status for hospital care and medical services provided through the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain veterans who are recipients of the medal of honor.

Sponsor: Rep Mitchell, Harry E. [AZ-5] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (15)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

H.R.1203 : ***Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums. Companion Bill S.491
Sponsor: Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] (introduced 2/25/2009) Cosponsors (218)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/26/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
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H.R.1211: ***Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Companion Bill S.597
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 2/26/2009) Cosponsors (51)
House Reports: 111-165
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
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H.R.1232 : ***Far South Texas Veterans Medical Center Act of 2009*** to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct a full service hospital in Far South Texas.
Sponsor: Rep Ortiz, Solomon P. [TX-27] (introduced 2/26/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1263 : ***Federal Retirement Reform Act of 2009*** to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the automatic enrollment of new participants in the Thrift Savings Plan, and to clarify the method for computing certain annuities based on part-time service; to allow certain employees of the District of Columbia to have certain periods of service credited for purposes relating to retirement eligibility; and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Lynch, Stephen F. [MA-9] (introduced 3/3/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.1289 : ***Social Security Fairness for the Terminally Ill Act of 2009*** to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Charles A. [OH-6] (introduced 3/3/2009) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on

Ways and Means.

H.R.1293 : ***Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 3/4/2009) Cosponsors (16)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1305 : ***Perpetual Purple Heart Stamp Act*** to provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the armed forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.
Companion Bill S.572
Sponsor: Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] (introduced 3/4/2009) Cosponsors (83)
Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.1317 : ***Mortgage Payment Tax Credit.*** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to individuals who pay their mortgages on time.
Sponsor: Rep Shuster, Bill [PA-9] (introduced 3/4/2009) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1335 : ***VA Catastrophically Disabled Copay.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled.
Sponsor: Rep Halvorson, Deborah L. [IL-11] (introduced 3/5/2009) Cosponsors (40)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.1336 : ***Veterans Education Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the basic educational assistance program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 3/5/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1377 : ***VA Emergency Treatment Reimbursement*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 3/6/2009) Cosponsors (2) Companion Bill S.404.
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: **Became Public Law No: 111-137**

H.R.1388 : ***Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act*** to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. Passed 321-105 and placed on the Senate calendar.
Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Carolyn [NY-4] (introduced 3/9/2009) Cosponsors (37) Related Bills: H.RES.250, H.RES.296, S.277
Committees: House Education and Labor,
House Reports: 111-37
Latest Major Action: **Became Public Law No: 111-13**

H.R.1401 : ***VET Corps Act of 2009*** to create a service corps of veterans called Veterans Engaged for Tomorrow (VET) Corps focused on promoting and improving the service opportunities for veterans and retired members of the military by engaging such veterans and retired members in projects designed to meet identifiable public needs with a specific emphasis on projects to support veterans, including disabled and older veterans and retired members of the military.
Sponsor: Rep Sarbanes, John P. [MD-3] (introduced 3/9/2009) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: House Education and Labor
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.

H.R.1416 : ***Southern New Jersey Veterans Comprehensive Health Care Act*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the capability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the medical-care needs of veterans in southern New Jersey.
Sponsor: Rep LoBiondo, Frank A. [NJ-2] (introduced 3/10/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1428 : ***VA Parkinson's Disease Compensation.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson's disease.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 3/11/2009) Cosponsors (84)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
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H.R.1474 : ***Servicemembers Access to Justice Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Companion Bill S.263.
Sponsor: Rep Davis, Artur [AL-7] (introduced 3/12/2009) Cosponsors (28)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1478 : ***Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009*** to amend chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, to allow members of the Armed Forces to sue the United States for damages for certain injuries caused by improper medical care, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Hinchey, Maurice D. [NY-22] (introduced 3/12/2009) Cosponsors (12)
Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 4/26/2010 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 267.

H.R.1496 : ***Child Health Care Affordability Act*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a credit against income tax for medical expenses for dependents.
Sponsor: Rep Paul, Ron [TX-14] (introduced 3/12/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1513 : ***Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009*** to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 3/16/2009) Cosponsors (10) Related bill S.407
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/31/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
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H.R.1519 : ***Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.
Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Sam [TX-3] (introduced 3/16/2009) Cosponsors (8)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/16/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1522 : ***United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act*** to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Lowey, Nita M. [NY-18] (introduced 3/16/2009) Cosponsors (27)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1532 : ***CMOH Statute of Limitations Elimination.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the statute of limitations on the award of the congressional medal of honor.
Sponsor: Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7] (introduced 3/16/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1544 : ***Veterans Mental Health Accessibility Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for unlimited eligibility for health care for mental illnesses for veterans of combat service during certain periods of hostilities and war.
Sponsor: Rep Driehaus, Steve [OH-1] (introduced 3/17/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/20/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1546 : ***Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Committee on Care of Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury.
Sponsor: Rep McNerney, Jerry [CA-11] (introduced 3/17/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.1592 : ***Pay Increase Guarantee.*** To amend title 37, United States Code, to guarantee a pay increase for members of the uniformed services for fiscal years 2011 through 2014 of one-half of one percentage point higher than the Employment Cost Index.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 3/18/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.1600 : ***TRICARE Autism Care.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of autism under TRICARE.
Sponsor: Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7] (introduced 3/18/2009) Cosponsors (23)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1647 : ***Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for hiring veterans.
Sponsor: Rep McCotter, Thaddeus G. [MI-11] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1657 : ***Notification of Exposure to Harmful Material/Contaminants.*** To direct the Secretary of Defense to notify members of the Armed Forces and State military departments of exposure to potentially harmful materials and contaminants.
Sponsor: Rep Schrader, Kurt [OR-5] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1658 : ***Veterans Healthcare Commitment Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the recovery by the United States of charges from a third party for hospital care or medical services furnished to a veteran for a service-connected disability.
Sponsor: Rep Tiahrt, Todd [KS-4] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/20/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1681 : ***Veterans Transitional Assistance Act of 2009*** to improve the coordination between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to better provide care to members and the Armed Forces and veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Boswell, Leonard L. [IA-3] (introduced 3/24/2009) Cosponsors (17)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1694 : ***Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection*** *Act* to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.
Sponsor: Rep Holt, Rush D. [NJ-12] (introduced 3/24/2009) Cosponsors (12) Related Bill S.1168
Committees: House Natural Resources; Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 3/2/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 302.

H.R.1695 : ***Reserve Retired Pay Age Reduction.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the minimum age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from 60 to 55.
Sponsor: Rep LoBiondo, Frank A. [NJ-2] (introduced 3/24/2009) Cosponsors (49)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1701 : ***PTSD/TBI Guaranteed Review For Heroes Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a special review board for certain former members of the Armed Forces with post-traumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 3/25/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1708 : ***Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2009*** to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes. Companion Bill S.700.
Sponsor: Rep Green, Gene [TX-29] (introduced 3/25/2009) Cosponsors (113)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Transportation and Infrastructure
Latest Major Action: 3/26/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

H.R.1712 : ***Savings for Seniors Act of 2009*** to amend title II of the Social Security Act to establish a Social Security Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Social Security surplus, to provide for suspension of investment of amounts held in the Account until enactment of legislation providing for investment of the Trust Fund in investment vehicles other than obligations of the United States, and to establish a Social Security Investment Commission to make recommendations for alternative forms of investment of the Social Security surplus in the Trust Fund.
Sponsor: Rep Blackburn, Marsha [TN-7] (introduced 3/25/2009) Cosponsors (22)
Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 3/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1716 : ***Property Tax Relief Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction for real property taxes on the principal residences to all individuals whether or not they itemize other deductions.
Sponsor: Rep Hill, Baron P. [IN-9] (introduced 3/25/2009) Cosponsors (12)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1767 : ***Fair Housing Tax Credit Extension Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the first-time homebuyer credit retroactive to the beginning of 2008 and to permanently extend the credit.
Sponsor: Rep Paul, Ron [TX-14] (introduced 3/26/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 3/26/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1804 : ***Federal Retirement Reform Act of 2009*** to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10] (introduced 3/31/2009) Cosponsors (4) Related Bill H.R.108
Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.1809 : ***TRICARE Prime Geographic Expansion.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the geographical coverage of TRICARE Prime to include Puerto Rico and Guam.
Sponsor: Rep Pierluisi, Pedro R. [PR] (introduced 3/31/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1818 : ***Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents.
Sponsor: Rep Burton, Dan [IN-5] (introduced 3/31/2009) Cosponsors (21)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1849 : ***World War I Memorial and Centennial Act of 2009*** to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Cleaver, Emanuel [MO-5] (introduced 4/1/2009) Cosponsors (101) Related Bill S.760

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 11/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R.1851 : ***DOL Transitional Services.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to require that certain members of the Armed Forces receive employment assistance, job training assistance, and other transitional services provided by the Secretary of Labor before separating from active duty service.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 4/1/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1872 : ***Secure Electronic Military Separation Act*** to require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to develop and implement a secure electronic method of forwarding the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to the appropriate office of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the State or other locality in which a member of the Armed Forces will first reside after the discharge or release of the member from active duty.
Sponsor: Rep Space, Zachary T. [OH-18] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1879 : ***National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for employment and reemployment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty.
Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (20)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
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H.R.1902 : ***Providing Real Outreach for Veterans Act of 2009*** to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes for the benefits, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny [FL-5] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1919 : ***Federal Withholding Tax Repeal Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the withholding of income and social security taxes.
Sponsor: Rep Foxx, Virginia [NC-5] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (12)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1963 : ***Military Separation Transitional Services.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who are being separated from active duty receive comprehensive employment assistance, job training assistance, and other transitional services, to require that such members receive a psychological evaluation in addition to the physical examination they receive as part of their separation from

active duty, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rangel, Charles B. [NY-15] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (10)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1982 : ***Veterans Entitlement to Service (VETS) Act of 2009*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and other communications submitted by veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [MI-13] (introduced 4/21/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1994 : ***Citizen Soldier Equality Act of 2009*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide equity between active and reserve component members of the Armed Forces in the computation of disability retired pay for members wounded in action.
Sponsor: Rep Davis, Geoff [KY-4] (introduced 4/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2014 : ***WASP Gold Medal Award***. To award a congressional gold medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").
Sponsor: Rep Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [FL-18] (introduced 4/21/2009) Cosponsors (337) Companion Bill S.614
Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration
Latest Major Action: 4/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2017 : ***MOAA Federal Charter.*** To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] (introduced 4/21/2009) Cosponsors (140) Companion Bill S.832 Related Bill S.1449
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 5/26/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

H.R.2059 : ***SBP Disabled Child Trust.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the sole benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant in the Survivor Benefit Plan.
Sponsor: Rep Foster, Bill [IL-14] (introduced 4/23/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2127 ***:*** ***Veterans Travel Equity Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the

income eligibility and service-connected disability rating requirements for the veterans beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Souder, Mark E. [IN-3] (introduced 4/27/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/1/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2138 : ***Services, Education, and Rehabilitation for Veterans*** *Act* to provide grants to establish veteran's treatment courts.
Sponsor: Rep Kennedy, Patrick J. [RI-1] (introduced 4/28/2009) Cosponsors (36) Related Bill S.902
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 5/26/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.

H.R.2180 : ***Disabled Vet Housing Loan Fee Waiver.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities called to active service.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 4/29/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
House Reports: 111-163
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2009 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 81.

H.R.2243 : ***Surviving Spouses Benefit Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 5/5/2009) Cosponsors (78)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/8/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
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H.R.2244 : ***Single Parent Protection Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an individual who is entitled to receive child support a refundable credit equal to the amount of unpaid child support and to increase the tax liability of the individual required to pay such support by the amount of the unpaid child support.
Sponsor: Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-16] (introduced 5/5/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 5/5/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.2254 : ***The Agent Orange Equity Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 5/5/2009) Cosponsors (261)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2257 : ***Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Eddie B [TX-30] (introduced 5/5/2009) Cosponsors (None) - Related Bill S.315
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/5/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2263 : ***Disability Equity Act*** to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for people with disabilities for entitlement to disability benefits and Medicare, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Sutton, Betty [OH-13] (introduced 5/5/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 5/5/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.2270 : ***Benefits for Qualified World War II Veterans Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a compensation fund to make payments to qualified World War II veterans on the basis of certain qualifying service.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 5/6/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.2302 : ***Military Retired Pay Fairness Act of 2009*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit recoupments of separation pay, special separation benefits, and voluntary separation incentive from members of the Armed Forces subsequently receiving retired or retainer pay.
Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 5/7/2009) Cosponsors (5) Companion bill S.1008
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.2342 : ***Wounded Warrior Project Family Caregiver Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a family caregiver program to furnish support services to family members certified as family caregivers who provide personal care services for certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 5/11/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2365 : ***Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act of 2009*** to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security and Medicare benefits under titles II and XVIII of the Social Security Act.

Sponsor: Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] (introduced 5/12/2009) Cosponsors (71)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Education and Labor
Latest Major Action: 6/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.

H.R.2379 : ***Veterans' Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain veterans an opportunity to increase the amount of Veterans' Group Life Insurance.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 5/13/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

H.R.2389 : ***Veterans' Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009*** to require the Secretary of Defense to establish registries of members and former members of the Armed Forces exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed to such hazards, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Hill, Baron P. [IN-9] (introduced 5/13/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/12/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.2405 : ***Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources*** **Act** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans enrolled in the health system of the Department of Veterans Affairs the option of receiving covered health services through facilities other than those of the Department.
Sponsor: Rep Latham, Tom [IA-4] (introduced 5/14/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2412 : ***Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act*** to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.
Sponsor: Rep Hirono, Mazie K. [HI-2] (introduced 5/14/2009) Cosponsors (13)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 6/12/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

H.R.2419 : ***Military Personnel War Zone Toxic Exposure Prevention Act*** to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a medical surveillance system to identify members of the Armed Forces exposed to chemical hazards resulting from the disposal of waste in Iraq and Afghanistan, to prohibit the disposal of waste by the Armed Forces in a manner that would produce dangerous levels of toxins, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1] (introduced 5/14/2009) Cosponsors (23)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.2429 : ***Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act of 2009*** to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act.
Sponsor: Rep Gonzalez, Charles A. [TX-20] (introduced 5/14/2009) Cosponsors (25)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Education and Labor
Latest Major Action: 6/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.

H.R.2456 : ***Veterans Education Tuition Support Act of 2009*** to amend section 484B of Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for tuition reimbursement and loan forgiveness to students who withdraw from an institution of higher education to serve in the uniformed services, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53] (introduced 5/18/2009) Cosponsors (34) Related Bills: H.R.2561, S.1603
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

H.R.2474 : ***Veterans Educational Equity Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that in the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance program who is enrolled at an institution of higher education in a State in which the public institutions charge only fees in lieu of tuition, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall allow the individual to use all or any portion of the amounts payable for the established charges for the program of education to pay any amount of the individual's tuition or fees for that program of education.
Sponsor: Rep McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [CA-25] (introduced 5/19/2009) Cosponsors (48)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.2486 : ***Vet Organization Funeral Detail Support.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for support of funeral ceremonies for veterans provided by details that consist solely of members of veterans organizations and other organizations, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Gohmert, Louie [TX-1] (introduced 5/19/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2504 : ***Homeless Vet VA Appropriation Increase.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 5/19/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.2505 : ***Reaching Rural Veterans through Telehealth Act*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to utilize tele-health platforms to assist in the treatment of veterans living in rural areas who suffer from post traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 5/19/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2506 : ***Veterans Hearing and Assessment Act*** to direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure the members of the Armed Forces receive mandatory hearing screenings before and after deployments and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to mandate that tinnitus be listed as a mandatory condition for treatment by the Department of Veterans Affairs Auditory Centers of Excellence and that research on the preventing, treating, and curing of tinnitus be conducted.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 5/19/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 10/1/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2546 : ***Right to Display Service Flag.*** To ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service flag on residential property not be abridged.
Sponsor: Rep Boccieri, John A. [OH-16] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (56) Related bill: S.3477
Committees: House Financial Services
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R.2553 : ***Atomic Veterans Service Medal Act*** to authorize the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of participation in the testing of nuclear weapons or under other circumstances.
Sponsor: Rep Tiahrt, Todd [KS-4] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (17) Related bill S.1128
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2559 : ***Help Our Homeless Veterans Act*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a national media campaign directed at homeless veterans and veterans at risk for becoming homeless.
Sponsor: Rep Hare, Phil [IL-17] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (15)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.2561 : ***Help Student Soldiers Act*** to amend section 484B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to forgive certain loans for servicemembers who withdraw from an institution of higher education as a result of service in the uniformed services, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (22) Related Bills: H.R.2456, S.1603

Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

H.R.2573 : ***Atomic Veterans Relief Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the eligibility criteria for presumption of service-connection of certain diseases and disabilities for veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Abercrombie, Neil [HI-1] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (23)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2583 : ***Women Veterans Access to Care Act*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve health care for women veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Boswell, Leonard L. [IA-3] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2585 : ***Protecting the Retirement of Our Troops by Ensuring Compensation is Timely Act*** to delay any presumption of death in connection with the kidnapping in Iraq or Afghanistan of a retired member of the Armed Forces to ensure the continued payment of the member's retired pay.
Sponsor: Rep Broun, Paul C. [GA-10] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2586 : ***Honor Guard 13-fold Flag Recitation Option.*** To prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from authorizing honor guards to participate in funerals of veterans interred in national cemeteries unless the honor guards may offer veterans' families the option of having the honor guard perform a 13-fold flag recitation, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Broun, Paul C. [GA-10] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (46)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2594 : ***Dependent State Plot VA Allowance.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a plot allowance for spouses and children of certain veterans who are buried in State cemeteries.
Sponsor: Rep Garrett, Scott [NJ-5] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (49)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2598 : ***Bataan/Corregidor/Luzon Gold Medal.*** To grant a congressional gold medal to American military personnel who fought in defense of Bataan/Corregidor/Luzon between December 7, 1941 and May 6, 1942.
Sponsor: Rep Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (67)
Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration
Latest Major Action: 5/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2621 : ***Travel Expense Reimbursement Time Requirement.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to use a time requirement for determining eligibility for the reimbursement of certain travel expenses.
Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Kevin [CA-22] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2638 : ***Veterans Stamp to Honor American Veterans Act*** to provide for the issuance of a veterans health care stamp.
Sponsor: Rep Shuler, Heath [NC-11] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2642 : ***Veterans Missing in America Act of 2009*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist in the identification of unclaimed and abandoned human remains to determine if any such remains are eligible for burial in a national cemetery, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Tiberi, Patrick J. [OH-12] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (10)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2647 : ***National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010*** to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Skelton, Ike [MO-4] (by request) (introduced 6/2/2009) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill H.R.2990
Committees: House Armed Services
House Reports: 111-166, 111-166 Part 2
Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-84

H.R.2672 : ***Help Veterans Own Franchises Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the establishment of franchises with veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Schock, Aaron [IL-18] (introduced 6/3/2009) Cosponsors (45)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.2673 : ***Surviving Spouse Pension Upgrade.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to match the pension amount paid to surviving spouses of veterans who served during a period of war to the pension amount paid to such veterans.
Sponsor: Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] (introduced 6/3/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/5/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2683 : ***To establish the American Veterans Congressional Internship Program***.
Sponsor: Rep Holt, Rush D. [NJ-12] (introduced 6/3/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Administration
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

H.R.2689 : ***D-Day Memorial.*** To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System.
Sponsor: Rep Perriello, Thomas S.P. [VA-5] (introduced 6/3/2009) Cosponsors (7) Related bill S.1207
Committees: House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 10/1/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2696 : ***Servicemembers' Rights Protection Act*** to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the enforcement of rights afforded under that Act.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Brad [NC-13] (introduced 6/4/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/28/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Provisions of measure incorporated into H.R. 3949.

H.R.2698 : ***Veterans' and Survivors' Behavioral Health Awareness Act*** to improve and enhance the mental health care benefits available to veterans, to enhance counseling and other benefits available to survivors of veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Giffords, Gabrielle [AZ-8] (introduced 6/4/2009) Cosponsors (50)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2699 : ***Armed Forces Behavioral Health Awareness Act*** to improve the mental health care benefits available to members of the Armed Forces, to enhance counseling available to family members of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Giffords, Gabrielle [AZ-8] (introduced 6/4/2009) Cosponsors (38)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2713 : ***Disabled Veterans Life Insurance Enhancement Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the service disabled veterans' insurance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Donnelly, Joe [IN-2] (introduced 6/4/2009) Cosponsors (13)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2734 : ***Health Care for Family Caregivers Act of 2009*** to amend section 1781 of title 38, United States Code, to provide medical care to family members of disabled veterans who serve as caregivers to such veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Perriello, Thomas S.P. [VA-5] (introduced 6/4/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2735 : ***Homeless Vet Service Program Improvements***. To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 6/4/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.2738 : ***Family Caregiver Travel Expense Compensation.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide travel expenses for family caregivers accompanying veterans to medical treatment facilities.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 6/4/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2756 : ***Veterans Home Loan Refinance Opportunity Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow eligible veterans to use qualified veterans mortgage bonds to refinance home loans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53] (introduced 6/8/2009) Cosponsors (16)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.2771 : ***Military Overpayment Fairness Act of 2009*** to amend titles 10 and 37, United States Code, to provide a more equitable process by which the military departments may recover overpayments of military pay and allowances erroneously paid to a member of the Armed Forces when the overpayment is due to no fault of the member, to expand Department discretion regarding remission or cancellation of indebtedness, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 6/9/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2774 : ***Families of Veterans Financial Security Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the extension of the duration of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage for totally disabled veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Halvorson, Deborah L. [IL-11] (introduced 6/9/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

H.R.2788 : ***Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act*** to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.
Sponsor: Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-44] (introduced 6/10/2009) Cosponsors (48)
Committees: House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 3/22/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R.2830 : ***Providing Access to Healthcare (PATH) for Veterans Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give priority to unemployed veterans in furnishing hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to certain veterans assigned to priority level 8.
Sponsor: Rep Courtney, Joe [CT-2] (introduced 6/11/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/12/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2836 : ***National Guard and Reservist Suicide Prevention and Community Response Act*** to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 to improve and expand suicide prevention and community healing and response training under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.
Sponsor: Rep Hodes, Paul W. [NH-2] (introduced 6/11/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2879 : ***Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 6/15/2009) Cosponsors (8)
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2898 : ***Wounded Warrior Caregiver Assistance Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide support services for family caregivers of disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Halvorson, Deborah L. [IL-11] (introduced 6/16/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/19/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2926 : ***VA Special Care for Vietnam-era & Persian Gulf War Vets Exposed to Herbicides***. To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide, without expiration, hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for certain Vietnam-era veterans exposed to herbicide and veterans of the Persian Gulf War.
Sponsor: Rep Nye, Glenn C., III [VA-2] (introduced 6/17/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.2928: ***Post-9/11 GI Bill Apprenticeship/OJT Program.*** To amend title 38, United State Code, to provide for an apprenticeship and on-job training program under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program.
Sponsor: Rep Perriello, Thomas S.P. [VA-5] (introduced 6/17/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2965 : ***Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009*** to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.: Amended with H.AMDT.291 by Rep. David Reichert, D-WA to give preference to organizations that are located in under represented states and regions, or are women-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned, or minority-owned when awarding grants for Small Business Administration (SBA) outreach efforts authorized under Title III (rural development and outreach).
Sponsor: Rep Altmire, Jason [PA-4] (introduced 6/19/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Small Business; House Science and Technology
House Reports: 111-190 Part 1, 111-190 Part 2
Latest Major Action: 7/13/2009 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Passed Senate in lieu of S. 1233 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

H.R.2968 : ***SGLI/VGLI Accelerated Death Benefit.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of the accelerated death benefit payable to certain terminally-ill persons insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veterans' Group Life Insurance.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 6/19/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.2970 : ***Federal Law Enforcement Officer Vet Age Limit***. To amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the maximum age limit for an original appointment to a position as a Federal law enforcement officer in the case of any individual who has been discharged or released from active duty in the Armed Forces under honorable conditions, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Rob [UT-1] (introduced 6/19/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Latest Major Action: 6/26/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.

H.R.2974 : ***Disabled Vet Health Savings Account Eligibility***. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals eligible for veterans health benefits to contribute to health savings accounts.
Sponsor: Rep Campbell, John [CA-48] (introduced 6/19/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Latest Major Action: 6/19/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.2980 : ***Survivor Benefit Time Limit for 100% Disabled Vets.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the period of time for which a veteran must be totally disabled before the veteran's survivors are eligible for the benefits provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at time of death.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 6/19/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Latest Major Action: 6/26/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2990 : ***Disabled Military Retiree Relief Act of 2009*** to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Skelton, Ike [MO-4] (introduced 6/23/2009) Cosponsors (25) Related Bill H.R.2647
Committees: House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Natural Resources; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 8/3/2009 Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.3067 : ***Health Security for All Americans Act of 2009*** to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform Medicare payments to physicians and certain other providers and improve Medicare benefits, to encourage the offering of health coverage by small businesses, to provide tax incentives for the purchase of health insurance by individuals, to increase access to health care for veterans, to address the nursing shortage, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Latham, Tom [IA-4] (introduced 6/26/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Education and Labor; House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 8/3/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.3073 : ***Pending Vet Homeless Grant Program.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs establish a grant program to provide assistance to veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless.
Sponsor: Rep Nye, Glenn C., III [VA-2] (introduced 6/26/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.3087 : ***Establish VA Claim Decision Deadlines.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a deadline for decisions with respect to claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] (introduced 6/26/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/10/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3155 : ***Caregiver Assistance and Resource Enhancement Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 7/9/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/28/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3199 : **Emergency Medic Transition (EMT) Act of 2009** to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Harman, Jane [CA-36] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.3200 : ***America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009*** to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Dingell, John D. [MI-15] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means; House Education and Labor; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Budget
Latest Major Action: 10/14/2009 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 168.

H.R.3223 : ***Vet Owned Businesses VA Contracts.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 7/15/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3266 : ***Veteran Assistance Dog Grant Program.*** To establish a grant program to encourage the use of assistance dogs by certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Klein, Ron [FL-22] (introduced 7/20/2009) Cosponsors (22) Related Bill S.1485
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3280 : ***Rural Vet Transportation Grant Program.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to assist veterans in highly rural areas by providing transportation to medical centers.
Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 7/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on

Health.

H.R.3281 : ***Vet Care Rural Area Demonstration Project.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out demonstration projects related to providing care for veterans in rural areas.
Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 7/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3282 : ***Vet Readjustment and Mental Health Care Services.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain veterans with readjustment and mental health care services, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 7/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3283 : ***VA Travel Reimbursement for Veterans Annual Review.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for reimbursement of certain travel at a set rate, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 7/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3324 : ***Stable Future for Veterans' Children Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the sole benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant in the Survivor Benefit Plan.
Sponsor: Rep Cantor, Eric [VA-7] (introduced 7/24/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.3337 : ***Post-9/11 Veterans' Job Training Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training.
Sponsor: Rep DeLauro, Rosa L. [CT-3] (introduced 7/24/2009) Cosponsors (16)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3349 : ***NAIV Charter.*** To grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 7/27/2009) Cosponsors (8) Related Bill S.1520

Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 8/19/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

H.R.3365 : ***Medicare VA Reimbursement Act of 2009*** to provide Medicare payments to Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities for items and services provided to Medicare-eligible veterans for non-service-connected conditions.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 7/28/2009) Cosponsors (32)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3366 : ***Illegal Garnishment Prevention*** Act to prohibit the use of funds to promote the direct deposit of Veterans and Social Security benefits until adequate safeguards are established to prevent the attachment and garnishment of such benefits.
Sponsor: Rep Gordon, Bart [TN-6] (introduced 7/28/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3368 : ***Honor Act of 2009*** to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Markey, Betsy [CO-4] (introduced 7/28/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 10/28/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.3403 : ***Supporting Military Families Act of 2009*** to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to provide leave for family members of members of regular components of the Armed Forces, and leave to care for covered veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Woolsey, Lynn C. [CA-6] (introduced 7/30/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Education and Labor; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Administration
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

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H.R.3407 : ***Severely Injured Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to benefits for severely injured veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 7/30/2009) Cosponsors (27)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/1/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3441 : ***Combat Vet VA Enrollment.*** To provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Arcuri, Michael A. [NY-24] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (26)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/1/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3467 : ***Veterans Education Enhancement and Fairness Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a monthly housing stipend under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for individuals pursuing programs of education offered through distance learning, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Carney, Christopher P. [PA-10] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (13)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3484 : ***VA Work Study Authority.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for certain qualifying work-study activities for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.3485 : ***Veterans Pensions Protection Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that monetary benefits paid to veterans by States and municipalities shall be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of pension benefits paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Higgins, Brian [NY-27] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (14) Related Bill: S.3118
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.3491 : ***Thomas G. Schubert Agent Orange Fairness* Act** to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection for certain cancers occurring in veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam and were exposed to certain herbicide agents, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kagen, Steve [WI-8] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (10)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3507 : ***VA Survivor Education Rate Increase*.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the rates of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Paulsen, Erik [MN-3] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on

Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3522 : ***Veterans Hardship Outreach for Priority Eights (HOPE) Act*** *to* direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide grants and assistance to States to conduct outreach to veterans regarding hardship and priority under the Department of Veterans Affairs patient enrollment system.
Sponsor: Rep Space, Zachary T. [OH-18] (introduced 7/31/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3544 : ***National Cemeteries Expansion Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide guidelines for the establishment of new national cemeteries by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 9/9/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/8/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
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H.R.3554 : ***National Guard Education Equality Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Loebsack, David [IA-2] (introduced 9/10/2009) Cosponsors (104)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3573 : ***Call to Service Homebuyer Credit Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent a change in residency as a result of extended official duty in the uniformed services, Foreign Service, or intelligence community from triggering the repayment provisions of the first time homebuyer credit, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] (introduced 9/15/2009) Cosponsors (None) Related bills: H.R.2562
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 9/15/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3575 : ***Vet Mortgage Life Insurance Increase.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the maximum amount of veterans' mortgage life insurance available under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Perriello, Thomas S.P. [VA-5] (introduced 9/15/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3577 : ***Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United State Code, to provide authority for certain members of the Armed Forces who have served 20 years on active duty to transfer entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to their dependents.
Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 9/15/2009) Cosponsors (28)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

H.R.3620 : ***Hiring Heroes Tax Incentive Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employing members of the Ready Reserve and National Guard and veterans recently separated from the Armed Forces.
Sponsor: Rep Alexander, Rodney [LA-5] (introduced 9/22/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 9/22/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3657 : ***USPHS & NOAA GI Bill Benefit Transfer.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for members of the United States Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Corps to transfer unused benefits under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to family members, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 9/25/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/2/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3661 : ***GI Bill Housing Stipend.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a monthly housing stipend under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for individuals pursuing programs of education offered through distance learning, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rehberg, Denny [MT] (introduced 9/29/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/2/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3672 : ***Social Security COLA Fix for 2010 Act*** to provide for an increase of $150 in Social Security benefits for one month in 2010 to compensate for the lack of a cost-of-living adjustment for that year, and to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the requirement that there be a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment for an adjustment in the contribution and benefit base to occur.
Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Carolyn [NY-4] (introduced 9/29/2009) Cosponsors (16)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3677: ***Save Our Seniors' Social Security Act of 2009*** to provide $280 relief payments to recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Granger, Kay [TX-12] (introduced 9/30/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Transportation and Infrastructure; House Appropriations

Latest Major Action: 10/1/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

H.R.3685 : ***Inclusion of VetSuccess on VA Website.*** To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet website and to publicize such Internet website.
Sponsor: Rep Stearns, Cliff [FL-6] (introduced 9/30/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3719 : ***Veterans Economic Opportunity Administration Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Economic Opportunity Administration, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 10/6/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3787 : ***Treat Certain Reserve Time as Active Duty Time.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 10/8/2009) Cosponsors (43) Related bill: S.1780
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
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H.R.3796 : ***Homeless Vet Assistor's Per Diem Grants.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve per diem grant payments for organizations assisting homeless veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 10/13/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.3813 : ***Veterans Training Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
Sponsor: Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7] (introduced 10/14/2009) Cosponsors (19) Related bills: S.3171
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3843 : ***Transparency for America's Heroes Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish redacted medical quality-assurance records of the Department of

Veterans Affairs on the Internet website of the Department.
Sponsor: Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7] (introduced 10/15/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3885 : ***Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy.
Sponsor: Rep Brown, Henry E., Jr. [SC-1] (introduced 10/21/2009) Cosponsors (12)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/26/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3886 : ***Providing Military Honors for our Nation's Heroes Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse certain volunteers who provide funeral honors details at the funerals of veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 10/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3906 : ***Low Income Vet Family Permanent Housing.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs program to provide financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 10/22/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3908 : ***Families of Disabled Veterans Work Opportunity Act of 2009*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the work opportunity tax credit with respect to a designated family member of a veteran with a service-connected disability if the veteran is unable to work.
Sponsor: Rep Halvorson, Deborah L. [IL-11] (introduced 10/22/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 10/22/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3926 : ***Armed Forces Breast Cancer Research Act*** to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly conduct a study on the incidence of breast cancer among members of the Armed Forces and veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Boswell, Leonard L. [IA-3] (introduced 10/26/2009) Cosponsors (45)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3943 : ***Post 9/11 Troops to Teachers Enhancement Act*** to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, to be eligible to participate in the Troops-to-Teachers Program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Courtney, Joe [CT-2] (introduced 10/27/2009) Cosponsors (171) Related Bill S.
Committees: House Education and Labor; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 12/8/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

H.R.3948 : ***Test Prep for Heroes Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for entitlement under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to payment for test preparatory courses, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Putnam, Adam H. [FL-12] (introduced 10/28/2009) Cosponsors (30)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/10/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.3949 : ***Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemember Civil Relief Act, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 10/28/2009) Cosponsors (22) Related Bill: H.R.761
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/4/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3998 : ***Compensation for Combat Veterans Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the service treatable as service engaged in combat with the enemy for utilization of non-official evidence for proof of service-connection in a combat-related disease or injury.
Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 11/3/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4006 : ***Rural, American Indian Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for Indian veterans health care coordinators, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 11/3/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.4028 : ***Rural Veterans Services Outreach and Training Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve services for veterans residing in rural areas.
Sponsor: Rep Wu, David [OR-1] (introduced 11/5/2009) Cosponsors (21)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R.4043 : ***Military Spouse Pin Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to recognize the spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are serving in combat or have served in combat through the presentation of an official lapel button.
Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 11/6/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 11/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.4044 : ***Vet Plot & Headstone/Marker Allowance.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to restore plot allowance eligibility for veterans of any war and to restore the headstone or marker allowance for eligible persons.
Sponsor: Rep Berkley, Shelley [NV-1] (introduced 11/6/2009) Cosponsors (37)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4045 : ***Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Berkley, Shelley [NV-1] (introduced 11/6/2009) Cosponsors (43)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4048 : ***Rural Area TBI Pilot Program.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the provision of traumatic brain injury care in rural areas.
Sponsor: Rep Capito, Shelley Moore [WV-2] (introduced 11/6/2009) Cosponsors (8)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4051 : ***Cold War Service Medal Act of 2009*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2] (introduced 11/6/2009) Cosponsors (46) Related bill: S.2743
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 11/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.4054 : ***Benefit Rating Acceleration for Veteran Entitlements Act of 2009.*** To amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of disability rated and certified as total by the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs as disability for purposes of such titles.
Sponsor: Rep Sarbanes, John P. [MD-3] (introduced 11/6/2009) Cosponsors (74) Related Bill: S.2759
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 11/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.4058 : ***Veterans to Work Pilot Program Act of 2009*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the Veterans to Work Program providing for the employment of individuals, especially veterans, who participate in apprenticeship programs on designated military construction projects, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Smith, Adam [WA-9] (introduced 11/6/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 11/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.4063 : ***WWII Messman/Steward Congressional Gold Medal.*** To grant the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the messman and steward branches of United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard that served during World War II.
Sponsor: Rep Edwards, Donna F. [MD-4] (introduced 11/7/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration
Latest Major Action: 11/7/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4064 : ***Post-9/11 EAP Improvements.*** To make certain improvements in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
Sponsor: Rep Giffords, Gabrielle [AZ-8] (introduced 11/7/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.4073 : ***Rural Veterans Reimbursement Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the payments to certain veterans for certain travel expenses.
Sponsor: Rep Minnick, Walter [ID-1] (introduced 11/16/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/20/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4121 : ***Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the appeals process of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish a commission to study judicial review of the determination of veterans' benefits, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Hall, John J. [NY-19] (introduced 11/19/2009) Cosponsors (113)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/20/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4156 : ***Increasing Housing Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2009*** to provide for certain improvements in the laws relating to housing for veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Sires, Albio [NJ-13] (introduced 11/19/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Financial Services
Latest Major Action: 11/19/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.4203 : ***Direct Deposit of Vet Education Payments.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans certain educational assistance payments through direct deposit.
Sponsor: Rep Hall, John J. [NY-19] (introduced 12/3/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.4220 : ***Promoting Jobs for Veterans Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to small business concerns and employment assistance, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 12/8/2009) Cosponsors (15)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Education and Labor; House Small Business
Latest Major Action: 1/4/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

H.R.4221 : ***Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Improvement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improved acquisition practices by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 12/8/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 12/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4241 : ***State Veteran Home Payments.*** To amend chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, to allow for increased flexibility in payments for State veterans homes.
Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 12/8/2009) Cosponsors (46)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/3/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.4279 : ***Vet Accelerated Educational Assistance Payments.*** To amend titles 38 and 10, United States Code, to authorize accelerated payments of educational assistance to certain veterans and members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Rep Quigley, Mike [IL-5] (introduced 12/10/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/12/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.4319 : ***Specially Adapted Housing Assistance Enhancement Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain improvements in the laws relating to specially adapted housing assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Moran, Jerry [KS-1] (introduced 12/15/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 6/10/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Hearings Held.

H.R.4320 : ***Post-9/11 GI Education Fairness Act of 2009*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the types of approved programs of education for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Scott [NY-20] (introduced 12/15/2009) Cosponsors (20)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.4350 : ***Fallen Heroes Family Act of 2009*** to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for nonimmigrant status for an alien who is the parent or legal guardian of a United States citizen child if the child was born abroad and is the child of a deceased member of the Armed Forces of the United States.
Sponsor: Rep Issa, Darrell E. [CA-49] (introduced 12/16/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 3/1/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

H.R.4359 : ***WARMER Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to guarantee housing loans for the construction energy efficient dwellings, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Boozman, John [AR-3] (introduced 12/16/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.4403 : ***SPACE-A Travel Act of 2009*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for unremarried surviving spouses of retired members of the uniformed services and the unremarried surviving spouses of veterans who died from a service-connected or compensable disability, and for the dependents of such spouses.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 12/16/2009) Cosponsors (29)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/21/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.4429 : ***Restoring the Social Security COLA Act*** to provide for an increase of $250 in benefits under certain Federal cash benefit programs for one month in 2010 to compensate for the lack of a cost-of-living adjustment for that year.
Sponsor: Rep Adler, John H. [NJ-3] (introduced 1/13/2010) Cosponsors (8)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Appropriations; House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Transportation and Infrastructure
Latest Major Action: 1/21/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

H.R.4443 : ***Veterans Employment Today Act of 2010*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the work opportunity tax credit for hiring veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Halvorson, Deborah L. [IL-11] (introduced 1/13/2010) Cosponsors (14) Related Bills: H.R.620, H.R.931, S.274
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 1/13/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.4465 : ***Vet Financial Status for Hospital Care.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take into account each child a veteran has when determining the veteran's financial status when receiving hospital care or medical services.
Sponsor: Rep Kissell, Larry [NC-8] (introduced 1/19/2010) Cosponsors (10)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/27/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.4505 : **KIA Parental State Home Care.** To enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.
Sponsor: Rep Thornberry, Mac [TX-13] (introduced 1/26/2010) Cosponsors (30)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-246 [**GPO:** Text, PDF]

H.R.4525 : ***Chapter 61 Concurrent Receipt Entitlement.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation to include all members of the uniformed services who are retired under chapter 61 of such title for disability, regardless of the members' disability rating percentage.
Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 1/26/2010) Cosponsors (13)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Budget; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.4551 : ***Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act*** to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] (introduced 1/27/2010) Cosponsors (32)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.4555 : ***Janey Ensminger Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Brad [NC-13] (introduced 2/2/2010) Cosponsors (38)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/5/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4559 : ***State Disabled Vet Benefits Review.*** To establish a commission to review benefits provided by each State to disabled veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Kissell, Larry [NC-8] (introduced 2/2/2010) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/2/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4568 : ***TBI Treatment Act*** to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which the Secretaries make payments for certain treatments of traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.
Sponsor: Rep Sessions, Pete [TX-32] (introduced 2/2/2010) Cosponsors (19)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/25/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.4569 : ***Expanded Housing for America's Veterans Act*** to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 relating to the amount of rental assistance available under the veterans affairs supported housing program.
Sponsor: Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7] (introduced 2/2/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Financial Services
Latest Major Action: 2/2/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.4592 : ***Vet Energy Related Jobs Pilot Program.*** To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 2/3/2010) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/24/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4593 : ***Keeping Faith With the Greatest Generation Military Retirees Act of 2010*** to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive Medicare part B premiums for certain military retirees (i.e. those who entered the service prior to December 7, 1956).

Sponsor: Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] (introduced 2/3/2010) Cosponsors (20)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 2/24/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4632 : ***Renovate and Enhance Veterans' Meeting Halls and Posts Act of 2010*** to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to set-aside community development block grant amounts in each fiscal year for grants to local chapters of veterans service organizations for rehabilitation of their facilities.
Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1] (introduced 2/22/2010) Cosponsors (20)
Committees: House Financial Services
Latest Major Action: 2/22/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.4639 : ***Corporal Dustin Lee Memorial Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the adoption of a military working dog by the family of a deceased or seriously wounded member of the Armed Forces who was the handler of the dog.
Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 2/22/2010) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/5/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.4656 : ***VA Child Care Center.*** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program establishing a child-care center for children of veterans receiving treatment and other individuals.
Sponsor: Rep Buchanan, Vern [FL-13] (introduced 2/23/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/26/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.4664 : ***OIF/OEF Survivor Mortgage Foreclosure Moratorium.*** To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for a one-year moratorium on the sale or foreclosure of property owned by surviving spouses of servicemembers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.
Sponsor: Rep Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [MD-1] (introduced 2/23/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/10/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Hearings Held.

H.R.4667 : ***Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2010*** to increase, effective as of December 1, 2010, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Perriello, Thomas S.P. [VA-5] (introduced 2/23/2010) Cosponsors (8) Related bills: H.R.1513 & S.407 & S.3107
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/23/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4765 : ***VA Work Study Allowances.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] (introduced 3/4/2010) Cosponsors (12) Related bill: S.3082
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

H.R.4810 : ***End Veteran Homelessness Act of 2010***. To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the services provided for homeless veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 3/10/2010) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/23/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4845 : ***VA Children Housing Loan Benefits.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide housing loan benefits for children of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die from service-connected disabilities.
Sponsor: Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7] (introduced 3/15/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.4887 : ***Tricare Affirmation Act*** to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that health coverage provided by the Department of Defense is treated as minimal essential coverage.
Sponsor: Rep Skelton, Ike [MO-4] (introduced 3/19/2010) Cosponsors (20)
Committees: House Ways and Means; Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 4/26/2010 **Signed by President.**

H.R.4912 : ***CRSC Payments to Chap 61 Vets.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of combat-related special compensation paid to disabled combat-related uniformed services retirees retired under chapter 61 of such title whose disability is attributable to an injury for which the members were awarded the Purple Heart.
Sponsor: Rep Halvorson, Deborah L. [IL-11] (introduced 3/22/2010) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/8/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.4923 : ***TRICARE Dependent Coverage Extension Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend TRICARE coverage to certain dependents under the age of 26.
Sponsor: Rep Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] (introduced 3/24/2010) Cosponsors (106) Related bills: S.3201

Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.4947 : ***Reserve Retirement Deployment Credit Correction Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.
Sponsor: Rep Latham, Tom [IA-4] (introduced 3/25/2010) Cosponsors (48) Related bills: S.3406
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
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H.R.5014 : ***VA Minimal Essential Coverage.*** To clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 4/14/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: **Became Public Law No: 111-173** [GPO: Text, PDF]

H.R.5045 **:** ***Fair Access to Veterans Benefits Act of 2010*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Adler, John H. [NJ-3] (introduced 4/15/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related bills: S.3192, H.R.5064
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/16/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.5120 : ***Veteran Employment Assistance Act of 2010*** to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Smith, Adam [WA-9] (introduced 4/22/2010) Cosponsors (41) Related bills: S.3234
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Education and Labor; House Small Business; House Energy and Commerce; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/27/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

H.R.5136 : ***National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011***
Sponsor: Rep Skelton, Ike [MO-4] (by request) (introduced 4/26/2010) Cosponsors (1) Related bills: H.RES.1404, H.RES.1467, H.R.1467, H.R.5013, S.3454
Latest Major Action: 6/28/2010 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 447. House Reports: 111-491, 111-491 Part 2
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H.R.5185 : ***Fair Health Care for Military Families Act*** to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the TRICARE program and the CHAMPVA program.
Sponsor: Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] (introduced 4/29/2010) Cosponsors (2) Related Bill H.R.5206
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/6/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5225 : ***Improving Veterans' Electronic Transition Services Act*** to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly develop and implement an electronic personnel file system, and to jointly conduct a study on improving the access of veterans to files related to military service and veterans benefits, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Tsongas, Niki [MA-5] (introduced 5/5/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5226 : ***Appalachian Veterans Outreach Improvement Act*** to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Charles A. [OH-6] (introduced 5/5/2010) Cosponsors (23) Related bill: S.3314
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Transportation and Infrastructure
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2010 Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 111-580, Part I.

H.R.5259 : ***Equal Access to Preseparation Counseling Act*** to amend title 10, United States Code, to require preseparation counseling for members of the reserve components upon their retirement or separation from service.
Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 5/11/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5303 : ***VA Post-9/11 EAP Housing Stipends.*** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve housing stipends for veterans receiving educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program.
Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1] (introduced 5/13/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/14/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.5360 : ***Blinded Veterans Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2010*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the standard of visual acuity required for eligibility for specially adapted housing assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 5/20/2010) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5371 : ***William Shemin Jewish World War I Veterans Act*** to direct the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to conduct a review of military service records of Jewish American veterans of World War I, including those previously awarded a military decoration, to determine whether any of the veterans should be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Luetkemeyer, Blaine [MO-9] (introduced 5/24/2010) Cosponsors (15)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/28/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5403 : ***Alaska Tricare Reimbursement Rates.*** To direct the Secretary of Defense to temporarily adjust the reimbursement rates for TRICARE claims in Alaska.
Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 5/26/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/28/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5404 : ***Reserve Space A Travel.*** To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age and for dependents of the member who accompany the retiree.
Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 5/26/2010) Cosponsors (2) Related bills: S.3955
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/28/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5428 : **Disseminate Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights Info.** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to educate certain staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to inform veterans about the Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 5/27/2010) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.5449 : ***Retroactive Stop-Loss Special Pay Extension.*** To amend section 310 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 to extend the period of time during which claims for retroactive stop-loss special pay may be submitted.
Sponsor: Rep Sutton, Betty [OH-13] (introduced 5/27/2010) Cosponsors (21) Related bills: S.3889, S.3890
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/28/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5484 : ***VetStar Veteran-Friendly Business Act of 2010*** to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an annual award program to recognize businesses for their contributions to veterans' employment, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Teague, Harry [NM-2] (introduced 6/8/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.5516 : ***Access to Appropriate Immunizations for Veterans Act of 2010*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Stearns, Cliff [FL-6] (introduced 6/10/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.5517 : ***Every Veteran Counts Act*** to amend title 13, United States Code, to require that the questionnaire used in a decennial census of population shall include an inquiry regarding an individual's status as a veteran, a spouse of a veteran, or a dependent of a veteran, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Stearns, Cliff [FL-6] (introduced 6/10/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives.

H.R.5550 : ***Loss of Use Definition***. To amend title 38, United States Code, to include a definition of "loss of use" for purposes of evaluating disabilities and providing adapted housing and automobiles under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 6/17/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.5555 : ***Disabled Veterans' Surviving Spouses Home Loans Act*** to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for eligibility for housing loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the surviving spouses of certain totally-disabled veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Foxx, Virginia [NC-5] (introduced 6/17/2010) Cosponsors (34)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.5641 : **Heroes at Home Act** to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for the transfer of veterans to non-Department adult foster homes for veterans who are unable to live independently.

Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 6/30/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.5642 : **Pension Increase Codification.** To codify increases in the rates of pension for disabled veterans and surviving spouses and children that were effective as of December 1, 2009.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 6/30/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/2/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.5648 : **Vet Unauthorized Fees Criminal Penalties.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 6/30/2010) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 7/2/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.5719 : **Veterans' Information Act.** To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop, and the Secretary of Defense to distribute to members of the Armed Forces upon their discharge or release from active duty, information in a compact disk read-only memory format or other appropriate digital format that lists and explains the health, education, and other benefits for which veterans are eligible under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Cardoza, Dennis A. [CA-18] (introduced 7/13/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5731 : **Veterans Mental Health Professionals Oversight Act of 2010.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual reviews of mental health professionals treating veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 7/14/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/16/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.5739 : **AMRA Charter.** To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the American Military Retirees Association, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rooney, Thomas J. [FL-16] (introduced 7/14/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 7/14/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.5826 : **Guard Active Duty Definition**. To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition

of active duty for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include certain service in the National Guard.
Sponsor: Rep Altmire, Jason [PA-4] (introduced 7/22/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.5829 : **World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act.** To direct the Secretary of Defense to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service in the merchant marines during World War II, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] (introduced 7/22/2010) Cosponsors (35)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 9/16/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.5838 : **Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Act of 2010.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Halvorson, Deborah L. [IL-11] (introduced 7/22/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.5841 : **VA PTSD Treatment Public-Private Partnerships.** To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish public-private partnerships for the treatment and research of post-traumatic stress disorder.
Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2] (introduced 7/22/2010) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.5862 : **Veterans FAA Employment Fairness Act of 2010.** To amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the eligibility of veterans for employment with the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Marchant, Kenny [TX-24] (introduced 7/26/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Transportation and Infrastructure
Latest Major Action: 7/27/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

H.R.5879 : **Hmong Burial in VA Cemeteries.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.
Sponsor: Rep Costa, Jim [CA-20] (introduced 7/27/2010) Cosponsors (22)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.5928 : **Veterans' Disability Claims Efficiency Act of 2010.** To improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 7/29/2010) Cosponsors (117)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.5933 : **Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010.**
Sponsor: Rep Minnick, Walter [ID-1] (introduced 7/29/2010) Cosponsors (125)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.5953 : **Posting Women Veterans Bill of Rights**. To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs a Women Veterans Bill of Rights.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 7/29/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/1/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5996 : **VA Care of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of veterans with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
Sponsor: Rep Stearns, Cliff [FL-6] (introduced 7/30/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.6022 : **Veteran-Owned Small Business Contracting Fairness Act of 2010.** To improve the Federal contracting process with respect to veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Courtney, Joe [CT-2] (introduced 7/30/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Small Business; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/17/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.6042 : **Dignity for our Nation's Heroes Act.** To expand burial benefits for certain homeless veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Klein, Ron [FL-22] (introduced 7/30/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/17/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.6058 : **Wounded Warrior and Military Survivor Housing Assistance Act of 2010.** To ensure that the housing assistance programs of HUD and DVA are available to veterans and members of the Armed Forces who have service-connected injuries and to survivors and dependents of veterans and members of the Armed Forces.
Sponsor: Rep Paulsen, Erik [MN-3] (introduced 7/30/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Financial Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R.6104 : **POA Hand Salute Authorization.** To amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans to render a military salute during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.
Sponsor: Rep Terry, Lee [NE-2] (introduced 8/10/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 9/20/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

H.R.6123 : **Veterans' Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services' Improvements Act of 2010.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of rehabilitative services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 9/14/2010) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.6127 : **Extension of Health Care Eligibility for Veterans Who Served at Qarmat Ali.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the continued provision of health care services to certain veterans who were exposed to sodium dichromate while serving as a member of the Armed Forces at or near the water injection plant at Qarmat Ali, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
Sponsor: Rep Buyer, Steve [IN-4] (introduced 9/15/2010) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.6132 : **Veterans Benefits and Economic Welfare Improvement Act of 2010.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a transition program for new veterans, to improve the disability claim system, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 9/15/2010) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6146 : **Warrior Home Loan Act.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent home loan guaranty programs for veterans regarding adjustable rate mortgages and hybrid adjustable rate mortgages.
Sponsor: Rep Giffords, Gabrielle [AZ-8] (introduced 9/16/2010) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/17/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.6154 : **VA Health Care for Operation New Dawn Vets.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of certain veterans who serve in support of Operation New Dawn for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 9/16/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/17/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.6188 : **Veterans' Homelessness Prevention and Early Warning Act of 2010.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to default procedures for loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 9/22/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.6211 : **Veterans Back and Spinal Therapy Act.** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of treating veterans with spinal, back, and musculoskeletal injuries and pain using non-invasive techniques.
Sponsor: Rep Markey, Betsy [CO-4] (introduced 9/23/2010) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.6220 : **Inform All Veterans Act.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides veterans with information concerning service-connected disabilities at health care facilities.
Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 9/28/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Hearings Held by the Subcommittee on Health Prior to Referral.

H.R.6227 : **Extended TRICARE Coverage for Military Families Now Act**. To establish a temporary prohibition on termination of coverage under the TRICARE program for age of dependents under the age of 26 years.
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 9/28/2010) Cosponsors (3) Related Bill: S.3846
Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 10/20/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.6269 : **Reserve Component VA Burial Benefit.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for burial in national cemeteries for certain members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces and National Guard, and to increase the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the burial and funeral expenses of certain veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6336 : **Post-9/11 GI Bill Dependent Transfer.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the time period in which an individual may transfer entitlement of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance benefits to dependents.
Sponsor: Rep Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6339 : **VA Medic/Corpsman Transition Program.** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to assist military medics and corpsmen in making transitions to civilian physician assistant jobs.
Sponsor: Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [SD] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6371 : **Gold Star Parental stipend.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.
Sponsor: Rep Nye, Glenn C. [VA-2] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6372 : **Post-9/11 GI Bill Spouse Transfer.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the entitlement of surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die while serving on active duty to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Nye, Glenn C. [VA-2] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (2) Related bill H.R.5443
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6430 : **Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act of 2010**. To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Minnick, Walter [ID-1] (introduced 11/18/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/18/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6466 : **Dependent Care Act of 2010.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain abused dependents of veterans with health care.
Sponsor: Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila [TX-18] (introduced 12/1/2010) Cosponsors (8)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/1/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6496 : **Arlington National Cemetery Management.** To require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.
Sponsor: Rep Rush, Bobby L. [IL-1] (introduced 12/7/2010) Cosponsors (11) Related Bills: H.R.6503, S.3860
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/7/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6503 : **Arlington National Cemetery Management.** To require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.
Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 12/8/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.R.6496, S.3860
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/8/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6513 : Po**st-9/11 Educational Assistance Program special education.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for the transfer of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to certain dependents to be used for special education.
Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 12/9/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/9/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6567 : **Veterans Affairs loan guarantee.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and make permanent the Department of Veterans Affairs loan guarantee for the purchase of residential cooperative housing units, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14] (introduced 12/21/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/21/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Senate Bills

S.46 : ***Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2009*** to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.
Sponsor: Sen Ensign, John [NV] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (32) Related Bill: H.R.43
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
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S.66 : ***Disabled Vet Space A.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.
Sponsor: Sen Inouye, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.67 : ***Disabled POW Commissary/Exchange Use.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize certain disabled former prisoners of war to use Department of Defense commissary and exchange stores.
Sponsor: Sen Inouye, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.68 : ***Filipino Service Certification.*** A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.
Sponsor: Sen Inouye, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.94 : ***Long-Term Care Family Accessibility Act.*** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit for long-term care insurance premiums.
Sponsor: Sen Vitter, David [LA] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.239 : ***Veterans Health Equity Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.
Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 1/14/2009) Cosponsors (1) Companion Bill H.R.190
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.246 : ***Veterans Health Care Quality Improvement Act.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 1/14/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.252 : ***Veterans Health Care Authorization Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 1/15/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 128.
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S.263 : ***Servicemembers Access to Justice Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Companion Bill H.R.1474.
Sponsor: Sen Casey, Robert P., Jr. [PA] (introduced 1/15/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.274 : ***Veterans Jobs Opportunity Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to hire unemployed veterans.
Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 1/16/2009) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill: H.R.4443
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 1/16/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.296 : ***Fair Tax Act of 2009.*** A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be

administered primarily by the States.
Sponsor: Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA] (introduced 1/22/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.307 : ***Critical Access Hospital Flexibility Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans. Companion Bill H.R.668
Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 1/22/2009) Cosponsors (15)
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.315 : ***Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Companion Bill H.R.32
Sponsor: Sen Feingold, Russell D. [WI] (introduced 1/26/2009) Cosponsors (2) Related Bill H.R.2257
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.347 : ***Vet Hand Loss Traumatic Injury Protection.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to distinguish between the severity of a qualifying loss of a dominant hand and a qualifying loss of a non-dominant hand for purposes of traumatic injury protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Ensign, John [NV] (introduced 1/29/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.402 : ***Keeping Our Promise to America's Military Veterans Act.*** A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.
Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J. [ME] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.404 : ***Veterans' Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes. Companion Bill H.R.1377.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.407 : *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009.* A bill to increase, effective as of

December 1, 2009, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 2/10/2009) Cosponsors (17) Related bill H.R.1513
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Senate Reports: 111-24
Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-37 [GPO: Text, PDF]

S.423 : ***Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 2/12/2009) Cosponsors (56)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 8/6/2009 Senate floor actions. Status: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 101.
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S.491 : ***Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act.*** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.
Sponsor: Sen Webb, Jim [VA] (introduced 2/26/2009) Cosponsors (48) Companion Bill H.R.1203
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.498 : ***Vet Dental Insurance.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize dental insurance for veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 2/26/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.514 : ***Veterans Rehabilitation and Training Improvements Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, and for other purposes. Companion Bill H.R.297.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 3/3/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.535 ***: SBP DIC Offset Elimination.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes. Companion Bill H.775.
Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 3/5/2009) Cosponsors (61)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/5/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
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S.543 : ***Veteran and Servicemember Family Caregiver Support Act of 2009.*** A bill to require a pilot program on training, certification, and support for family caregivers of seriously disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces to provide caregiver services to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 3/6/2009) Cosponsors (14) Companion Bill H.R.785.
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.546 : ***Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service of Combat-Related Special Compensation. Companion Bill H.R.811.
Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 3/9/2009) Cosponsors (45)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/9/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
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S.572 : ***Purple Heart Forever Stamp.*** A bill to provide for the issuance of a "forever stamp" to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the armed forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart. Companion Bill H.R.1305.
Sponsor: Sen Webb, Jim [VA] (introduced 3/11/2009) Cosponsors (17)
Committees: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/23/2009 Referred to Senate subcommittee. Status: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security.

S.597 : ***Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Companion Bill H.R.1211
Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 3/16/2009) Cosponsors (20)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/16/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.606 : ***Veterans Corps Program.*** A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Veterans Corps program.
Sponsor: Sen Warner, Mark R. [VA] (introduced 3/17/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Latest Major Action: 3/17/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.614 : ***WASP Gold Medal Award.*** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").
Sponsor: Sen Hutchison, Kay Bailey [TX] (introduced 3/17/2009) Cosponsors (75) Companion Bill H.R.2014
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-40 [**GPO:** Text, PDF]

S.642 : ***Health Care for Members of the Armed Forces Exposed to Chemical Hazards Act of 2009.*** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish registries of members and former members of the Armed Forces exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed to such hazards, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Bayh, Evan [IN] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.644 : ***National Guard and Reserve Retired Pay Equity Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay.
Sponsor: Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (13) Companion Bill H.R.208 Related Bill S.831
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
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S.658 : ***Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (11)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.663 : ***Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
Sponsor: Sen Nelson, E. Benjamin [NE] (introduced 3/19/2009) Cosponsors (51)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.669 : **Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/23/2009) Cosponsors (18)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/16/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 78.

S.691 : ***Colorado National Cemetery for Veterans.*** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southern Colorado region, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Bennet, Michael F. [CO] (introduced 3/25/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.699 : ***South Texas Veterans' Hospital.*** A bill to provide for the construction by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a full service hospital in Far South Texas.
Sponsor: Sen Cornyn, John [TX] (introduced 3/25/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.700 : ***Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes. Companion Bill H.R.1708.
Sponsor: Sen Bingaman, Jeff [NM] (introduced 3/25/2009) Cosponsors (21)
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.728 : ***Veterans' Insurance and Benefits Enhancement Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 3/26/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/7/2009 Senate floor actions. Status: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 155.

S.731 : ***TRICARE Coverage For "Gray Area" Reservists.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for continuity of TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of the Retired Reserve. Companion Bill H.R.270
Sponsor: Sen Nelson, E. Benjamin [NE] (introduced 3/26/2009) Cosponsors (23)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. ‘
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S.734 : ***Rural Veterans Health Care Access and Quality Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas and to improve the provision of health care to veterans in rural areas, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 3/30/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/30/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.746 : ***Nebraska National Cemetery.*** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, E. Benjamin [NE] (introduced 3/31/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.760 : ***National World War I Memorial.*** A bill to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "National World War I Memorial".
Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 4/1/2009) Cosponsors (3) Related Bill H.R.1849
Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 12/3/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.

S.768 : ***Bataan Gold Medal Initiative.*** A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers from the United States who were prisoners of war at Bataan during World War II.
Sponsor: Sen Udall, Tom [NM] (introduced 4/1/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/1/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.772 : ***Honor Act of 2009.*** A bill to enhance benefits for survivors of certain former members of the Armed Forces with a history of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, to enhance availability and access to mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Bond, Christopher S. [MO] (introduced 4/1/2009) Cosponsors (12)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/1/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.793 : ***Department of Veterans Affairs Vision Scholars Act of 2009***. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.
Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.801 : ***Family Caregiver Program Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (27)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/25/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 167.
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S.820 : ***Veterans Mobility Enhancement Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the automobile assistance allowance for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.821 : ***VA Copay Collection Prohibition.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 4/2/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read the second time and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.831 : ***National Guard and Reserve Retired Pay Equity Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay.
Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA] (introduced 4/20/2009) Cosponsors (36) Related Bill S.644
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
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S.832 : *MOAA Federal Charter.* A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 4/20/2009) Cosponsors (41) Companion Bill H.R.2017
Related Bill S.1449
Committees: Senate Judiciary
Latest Major Action: **Became Public Law No: 111-95** [**GPO:** Text, PDF]

S.842 : ***VA Home Loan Payoff to Mortgagers.*** A bill to repeal the sunset of certain enhancements of protections of servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay mortgage holders unpaid balances on housing loans guaranteed by Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA] (introduced 4/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.847 : ***SBP Education Assistance Limitation Exclusion.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that utilization of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance shall not be subject to the 48-month limitation on the aggregate amount of assistance utilizable under multiple veterans and related educational assistance programs.
Sponsor: Sen Webb, Jim [VA] (introduced 4/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.883 : ***Medal of Honor Coin.*** A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action

against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.
Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA] (introduced 4/23/2009) Cosponsors (85)
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/23/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.902 : ***Veteran's Treatment Courts.*** A bill to provide grants to establish veteran's treatment courts.
Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA] (introduced 4/27/2009) Cosponsors (4) Related Bill H.R.2127
Committees: Senate Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 4/27/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 944 - ***The Wounded Warrior Transition Assistance Act.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretaries of the military departments to give wounded members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces the option of remaining on active duty during the transition process in order to continue to receive military pay and allowances, to authorize members to reside at their permanent places of residence during the process, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Feingold, Russell D. [WI] (introduced 4/30/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/30/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
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S.977 : ***Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 5/5/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.998 : ***Arthur Woolweaver, Jr., Social Security Act Improvements for the Terminally Ill Act***. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 5/7/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 5/7/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1008 : ***Military Retired Pay Fairness Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit requirements of separation pay, special separation benefits, and voluntary separation incentive from members of the Armed Forces subsequently receiving retired or retainer pay.
Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 5/7/2009) Cosponsors (7) Companion bill H.R.2302

Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/7/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
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S.1015 : ***Enhanced Disability Compensation for Certain Disabled Veterans.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance disability compensation for certain disabled veterans with difficulties using prostheses and disabled veterans in need of regular aid and attendance for residuals of traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 5/11/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/11/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1016 : ***Vet Disability Compensation Award upon Separation.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the commencement of the period of payment of original awards of compensation for veterans who are retired or separated from the Uniformed services for disability.
Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 5/11/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/11/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1042 : ***Illegal Garnishment Prevention Act.*** A bill to prohibit the use of funds to promote the direct deposit of Veterans and Social Security benefits until adequate safeguards are established to prevent the attachment and garnishment of such benefits.
Sponsor: Sen Kohl, Herb [WI] (introduced 5/14/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 5/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1055 : ***Gold Medal Award for 100th Inf Bn & 442nd RCT***. A bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.
Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 5/14/2009) Cosponsors (73) Related bill H.R.347
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-254 [**GPO:** Text, PDF]

S.1106 : ***Selected Reserve Continuum of Care Act.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the provision of medical and dental readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve based on medical need, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Lincoln, Blanche L. [AR] (introduced 5/20/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1109 : ***PRO-VETS Act of 2009***. A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes or the benefits, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 5/20/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1118 : ***DIC Compensation Rate Increase to 55%.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Lincoln, Blanche L. [AR] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1128 : ***Atomic Veterans Service Medal Act***. A bill to authorize the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of participation in the testing of nuclear weapons or under other circumstances.
Sponsor: Sen Roberts, Pat [KS] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (3) Related bill H.R.2553
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/21/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1160 : ***Homes for Heroes Act of 2009.*** A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.
Sponsor: Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 6/1/2009) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/1/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.1166 : ***Voluntary Support for Reservists and National Guard Members Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate part or all of any income tax refund to support reservists and National Guard members.
Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 6/3/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1168 : ***Nationally Significant Battlefields Protection.*** A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.
Sponsor: Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 6/3/2009) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill H.R.1694
Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 111-92.

S.1169 : ***Uniformed Services with Autism (USA) Heroes Act*** . A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of autism under TRICARE.
Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 6/3/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1204 : ***Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 6/8/2009) Cosponsors (10) Related bill H.R.1017
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1237 : ***Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 6/11/2009) Cosponsors (10)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 360.

S.1337 : ***Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2009.*** A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 6/24/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: Senate Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.1347 : ***Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009***. A bill to amend chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, to allow members of the Armed Forces to sue the United States for damages for certain injuries caused by improper medical care, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 6/24/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
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S.1394 : ***Veterans Entitlement to Service Act of 2009.*** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and other communications submitted by

claimants, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 7/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1427 : ***Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital Quality Report Card Act of 2009***. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 7/9/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1429 : ***Servicemembers Mental Health Care Commission Act.*** A bill to establish a commission on veterans and members of the Armed Forces with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other mental health disorders, to enhance the capacity of mental health care providers to assist such veterans and members, to ensure such veterans are not discriminated against, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 7/9/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1449 : **MOAA Federal Charter.** A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (None) Related Bill H.R.2017 & S.832
Committees: Senate Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 7/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.1450 : ***Deceased Servicemen Parental Nursing Home Care.*** A bill to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.
Sponsor: Sen Ensign, John [NV] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1452 : ***COMBAT PTSD Act.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.
Sponsor: Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 7/14/2009) Cosponsors (5)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1467 : ***Lance Corporal Josef Lopez Fairness for Servicemembers Harmed by Vaccines Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide coverage under Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for adverse reactions to vaccinations administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 7/16/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1495 : ***Service Dogs for Veterans Act of 2009.*** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Franken, Al [MN] (introduced 7/22/2009) Cosponsors (7) Related Bill H.R.3266
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1518 : **Caring for Camp Lejeune Veterans Act of 2009.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.
Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 7/27/2009) Cosponsors (15)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1520 : ***NAIV Charter.*** A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.
Sponsor: Sen Johnson, Tim [SD] (introduced 7/27/2009) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill H.R.3349
Committees: Senate Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 7/27/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.1543 : ***Supporting Military Families Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to provide leave for family members of members of regular components of the Armed Forces, and leave to care for covered veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Dodd, Christopher J. [CT] (introduced 7/30/2009) Cosponsors (4)
Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.1547 : ***Zero Tolerance for Veterans Homelessness Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Reed, Jack [RI] (introduced 7/30/2009) Cosponsors (20)
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1556 : ***Veteran Voting Support Act of 2009.*** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 8/3/2009) Cosponsors (6)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1558 : ***Travel Reimbursement for Inactive Duty Training Personnel (TRIP) Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide travel and transportation allowances for members of the reserve components for long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training.
Sponsor: Sen Lincoln, Blanche L. [AR] (introduced 8/3/2009) Cosponsors (8)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 8/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1668 : ***National Guard Education Equality Act.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Bennet, Michael F. [CO] (introduced 9/14/2009) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
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S.1685 : ***Emergency Senior Citizens Relief Act of 2009.*** A bill to provide an emergency benefit of $250 to seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities in 2010 to compensate for the lack of a cost-of-living adjustment for such year, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 9/17/2009) Cosponsors (10) Related Bills: H.R.3597
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 9/17/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1695 : ***Congressional Gold Medal Award.*** A bill to authorize the award of a Congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines of World War II.
Sponsor: Sen Burris, Roland [IL] (introduced 9/23/2009) Cosponsors (16)
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/23/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.1717 : ***VA Facility Leases.*** A bill to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 9/25/2009) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill S.1310
Latest Major Action: **Became Public Law No: 111-82**

S.1752 : ***Parkinson's Disease VA Compensation.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson's disease.
Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/5/2009) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1753 : ***Disabled Veteran Caregiver Housing Assistance Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for disabled veterans who are temporarily residing in housing owned by a family member, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/5/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1779 : ***Health Care for Veterans Exposed to Chemical Hazards Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Bayh, Evan [IN] (introduced 10/14/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1780 : ***Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Sen Lincoln, Blanche L. [AR] (introduced 10/14/2009) Cosponsors (10) Related bill: H.R.3787
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/19/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1798 : ***Automatic Reserve Component Enrollment Act of 2009***. A bill to provide for the automatic enrollment of demobilizing members of the National Guard and Reserve in health care and dental care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/19/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/19/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the

Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1932 : ***Post 9/11 Troops to Teachers Enhancement Act.*** A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, to be eligible to participate in the Troops-to-Teachers Program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 10/27/2009) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Latest Major Action: 10/27/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.1939 : ***Vet Presumptive Exposure in Vietnam.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 10/27/2009) Cosponsors (19)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/19/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1963 : ***Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 10/28/2009) Cosponsors (7)
Latest Major Action: Became **Public Law No: 111-163** [GPO: Text, PDF]

S.2096 : ***Parent VA Burial Eligibility.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.
Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA] (introduced 10/29/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/29/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2743 : ***Cold War Service Medal Act of 2009***. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J. [ME] (introduced 11/5/2009) Cosponsors (8) Related bill: H.R.4051
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 11/5/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.2759 : ***Benefit Rating Acceleration for Veteran Entitlements Act of 2009***. A bill to amend title II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of disability rated and certified as total by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as disability for purposes of such titles.
Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 11/10/2009) Cosponsors (None) Related Bill: H.R.4054

Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2760 : ***VA Homeless Vets Appropriations.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.
Sponsor: Sen Udall, Tom [NM] (introduced 11/10/2009) Cosponsors (14)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2769 : ***Post-9/11 Veterans' Job Training Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 11/10/2009) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2770 : ***Veterans Business Center Act of 2009.*** A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 11/10/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S.3082 : ***VA Work Study Allowances.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 3/5/2010) Cosponsors (1) Related bill: H.R.4765
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/5/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3107 : ***Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2010.*** A bill to amend title 38 , United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 3/11/2010) Cosponsors (12) Related Bill: H.R.4667
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/22/2010 Senate floor actions. Status: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 550.

S.3118 : ***Veterans Pensions Protection Act.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that monetary benefits paid to veterans by States and municipalities shall be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of pension benefits paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA] (introduced 3/16/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related Bill: H.R.3485
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/16/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3162 : ***VA Minimum Essential Coverage.*** A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 3/24/2010) Cosponsors (59) Related bills: H.R.5014
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/23/2010 House floor actions. Status: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1653 , papers are returned to the Senate.

S.3171 : ***Veterans Training Act***. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
Sponsor: Sen Lincoln, Blanche L. [AR] (introduced 3/25/2010) Cosponsors (11) Related bills: H.R. 3813
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3192 : ***Fair Access to Veterans Benefits Act of 2010.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Specter, Arlen [PA] (introduced 4/12/2010) Cosponsors (2) Related bills: H.R.5045, H.R.5064
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/12/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3201 : ***TRICARE Dependent Coverage Extension Act.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend TRICARE coverage to certain dependents under the age of 26.
Sponsor: Sen Udall, Mark [CO] (introduced 4/14/2010) Cosponsors (33) Related bills: H.R.4923
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/14/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3234 : ***Veteran Employment Assistance Act of 2010***. A bill to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 4/20/2010) Cosponsors (20) Related bills: H.R.5120
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/2/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 556.

S.3286 : ***VA Vet Claim Assistance Pilot Program.*** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the award of grants to State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to veterans with their submittal of claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Specter, Arlen [PA] (introduced 4/29/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/19/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.3356 : ***CHAMPVA Children Maximum Age increase.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Feingold, Russell D. [WI] (introduced 5/13/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/13/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3359 : ***Veterans' Disability Compensation Automatic COLA Act.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Thune, John [SD] (introduced 5/13/2010) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/13/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3367 : ***VA Pension Increase for Disabled Couples.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pension for disabled veterans who are married to one another and both of whom require regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 5/13/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/19/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.3371 : ***TRICARE Mental Health Care Access Act.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health care counselors under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 5/13/2010) Cosponsors (9)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/13/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3378 : ***Examination of Exposures to Environmental Hazards During Military Service and Health Care***

for Camp Lejeune and Atsugi Naval Air Facility Veterans and their Families Act of 2010. An original bill to authorize health care for individuals exposed to environmental hazards at Camp Lejeune and the Atsugi Naval Air Facility, to establish an advisory board to examine exposures to environmental hazards during military service, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 5/17/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Senate Reports: 111-189
Latest Major Action: 5/17/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 377.

S.3394 : ***Strengthening Entrepreneurship for America's Veterans Act of 2010.*** A bill to establish the veterans' business center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Landrieu, Mary L. [LA] (introduced 5/20/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S.3398 : ***Veteran Employment Transition Act of 2010.*** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans.
Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 5/24/2010) Cosponsors (14) Related bills: H.R.5400
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 5/24/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.3406 : ***Reserve Retirement Deployment Credit Correction Act.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.
Sponsor: Sen Hagan, Kay [NC] (introduced 5/24/2010) Cosponsors (1) Related bills: H.R.4947
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/24/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3447 : ***Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 5/27/2010) Cosponsors (35)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/26/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 638.

S.3454 : ***National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.*** An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths

for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Levin, Carl [MI] (introduced 6/4/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related bills: H.R.5136, S.3455, S.3456, S.3457
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Senate Reports: 111-201
Latest Major Action: 12/9/2010 Senate floor actions. Status: Upon reconsideration, cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 57 - 40. Record Vote Number: 270.

S.3477 : ***Blue Star/Gold Star Flag Act of 2010.*** A bill to ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service Flag on residential property not be abridged.
Sponsor: Sen Webb, Jim [VA] (introduced 6/10/2010) Cosponsors (11) Related Bill: H.R.2546
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 6/10/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3499 : ***Fiduciary Benefits Oversight Act of 2010.*** A bill to require fiduciaries of individuals receiving benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to authorize the Secretary to obtain financial records with respect to such individuals for purposes of administering such laws, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 6/16/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/16/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3556 : ***Hire A Hero Act of 2010.*** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard
Sponsor: Sen Brownback, Sam [KS] (introduced 6/30/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 6/30/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.3609 : ***VA Contract Physicians.*** A bill to extend the temporary authority for performance of medical disability examinations by contract physicians for the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 7/19/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/2/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 559.

S.3615 : ***Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011.***
Sponsor: Sen Johnson, Tim [SD] (introduced 7/19/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related bill: S.1407
Committees: Senate Appropriations
Senate Reports: 111-226
Latest Major Action: 7/19/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No.

469.

S.3678 : ***Sergeant Coleman Bean National Guard and Reserves Mental Health Act.*** A bill to improve mental health services for members of the National Guard and Reserve deployed in connection with a contingency operation, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ] (introduced 7/29/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3748 : ***National Guard and Reserve Soft Landing Reintegration Act.*** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the retention of members of the reserve components on active duty for a period of 45 days following an extended deployment in contingency operations or homeland defense missions to support their reintegration into civilian life, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 8/5/2010) Cosponsors (7) Related bill: S.1426
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 8/5/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3765 : ***SGLI/VGLI Improvements***. An original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance and to modify the provision of compensation and pension to surviving spouses of veterans in months of the deaths of the veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 9/2/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Senate Reports: 111-282
Latest Major Action: 9/2/2010 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 553.

S.3794 : ***FOR VETS Act of 2010.*** A bill to amend chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, to include organizations whose membership comprises substantially veterans as recipient organizations for the donation of Federal surplus personal property through State agencies.
Sponsor: Sen Leahy, Patrick J. [VT] (introduced 9/16/2010) Cosponsors (1)
Committees: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-338

S.3801 : ***CHAMPVA Child Coverage to Age 26.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 9/16/2010) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.5206, S.3356
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/16/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3818 : ***Help Veterans Own Franchises Act.*** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the establishment of franchises with veterans.
Sponsor: Sen Casey, Robert P., Jr. [PA] (introduced 9/22/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.R.2672
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 9/22/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.3846 : ***Extended TRICARECoverage for Military Families Now Act.*** A bill to establish a temporary prohibition on termination coverage under the TRICARE program for age of dependents under the age of 26 years.
Sponsor: Sen Collins, Susan M. [ME] (introduced 9/27/2010) Cosponsors (5) Related Bills: H.R.6227
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 9/27/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3860 : ***Arlington National Cemetery Reports.*** A bill to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.
Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 9/28/2010) Cosponsors (12)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-339

S.3875 : ***Honoring reservists as Vets.*** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.
Sponsor: Sen Lincoln, Blanche L. [AR] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3889 : **Stop-Loss Claim Deadline Extension**. A bill to extend the deadline for the submittal of claims for retroactive stop-loss special pay compensation for members and former members of the Armed Forces.
Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (2) Related bills: H.R.5449, S.3890
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.3890 : **Stop-Loss Claim Deadline Extension**. A bill to amend section 310 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009, to extend the period of time during which claims for retroactive stop-loss special pay may be submitted, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ] (introduced 9/29/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related bills: H.R.5449, S.3889
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the

Committee on Armed Services.

S.3953 : **Vet Children Spina Bifida Benefits.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide benefits for children with spina bifida of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era outside Vietnam, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 11/17/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/17/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.3955 : **National Guard, Reserve, "Gray Area" Retiree, and Surviving Spouses Space-available Travel Equity Act of 2010.** To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents.
Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 11/17/2010) Cosponsors (None) Related bills: H.R.5404
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 11/17/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
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S.3956 : **Commissary/Exchange Use for Disability Separation/Retirement Vets**. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit the use of commissary and exchange facilities by former members of the Armed Forces who were retired or separated for physical disability.
Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 11/17/2010) Cosponsors (None)
Committees: Senate Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 11/17/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.4001 : **Marine Corps Aviation Centennial Commemorative Coin Act**
Sponsor: Sen Webb, Jim [VA] (introduced 12/2/2010) Cosponsors (2)
Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Latest Major Action: 12/2/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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