

# VETERAN LEGISLATION

## 12 December 2011

Of the 3631 House and 1976 Senate bills introduced in the 112th Congress as of 12 DEC, 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>.

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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.
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5. Bill numbers that have been incorporated in other bills are highlighted in Gray.
6. Bill numbers and titles in violet (if any) are new additions to this summary.

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## House Legislation

# House Bills

H.R.23 : **Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2011.** 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: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (73)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.28 : **Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McIntyre, Mike [NC-7] (introduced 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.46 : **Fallen Heroes Family Act of 2011.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 1/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

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H.R.79 : **Dependent Care Act of 2011.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.115 : **CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to

increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (6)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.117 : HELP Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: S.1017

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.120 : Disabled Veterans' Surviving Spouses Home Loans Act.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (10)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/7/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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**H.R.136 : Taxpayer Payment Designation to Homeless Vets.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (18) Related Bills H.R.3353, S.1806

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.159 : TBI Treatment Act.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.168 : VA Care for Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.169 : Publicize VA VetSuccess Internet Website.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Hearings Held.

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**H.R.178 : Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation.

Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (164)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.179 : Health Care for Under 60 Retired Reserves.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/5/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**H.R.181 : National Guardsmen and Reservists Parity for Patriots Act.** A bill 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.

Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (70)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.186 : Chapter 61 CRDP Eligibility.** A bill 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 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (24)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Budget; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.198 : Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy.

Sponsor: Rep Grimm, Michael G. [NY-13] (introduced 1/6/2011) Cosponsors (96)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/25/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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**H.R.208 : Tricare Mental Health Counselor Reimbursement.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the reimbursement of mental health counselors under TRICARE, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rooney, Thomas J. [FL-16] (introduced 1/6/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.210 : Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Speier, Jackie [CA-12] (introduced 1/6/2011) Cosponsors (81)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.238 : **Military Retiree Health Care Relief Act of 2011.** A bill 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 1/7/2011) Cosponsors (10)  
Committees: House Ways and Means  
Latest Major Action: 1/7/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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H.R.240 : **Promote Vet Jobs with DVA Sole Source Contracts.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to promote jobs for veterans through the use of sole source contracts by Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of meeting the contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.  
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 1/7/2011) Cosponsors (2)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/7/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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H.R.248 : **Depleted Uranium Screening and Testing Act.** A bill 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 1/7/2011) Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 2/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.284 : **Veterans, Women, Families with Children, and Persons With Disabilities Housing Fairness Act of 2011.** A bill to authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing, to increase funds for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 1/12/2011) Cosponsors (31)  
Committees: House Financial Services  
Latest Major Action: 3/23/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.

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H.R.287 : **Homes for Heroes Act of 2011.** A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.  
Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 1/12/2011) Cosponsors (45)  
Committees: House Financial Services; House Ways and Means  
Latest Major Action: 3/23/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on

Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.

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**H.R.303 : Retired Pay Restoration Act.** A bill 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 1/18/2011) Cosponsors (72)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.309 : Samuel B. Moody Bataan Death March Compensation Act.** A bill 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 1/18/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.319 : Veterans Day Off Act.** A bill to require employers to provide veterans with time off on Veterans Day.

Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 1/19/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

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**H.R.333 : The Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act.** A bill 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 Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2] (introduced 1/19/2011) Cosponsors (146)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.396 : **TBI Treatment Act.** A bill 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 1/24/2011) Cosponsors (20)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.420 : **Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act of 2011.** A bill 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 1/25/2011) Cosponsors (219) Related Bill: S.798

Committees: House Judiciary; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

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H.R.493 : **Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act.** A bill 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 1/26/2011) Cosponsors (4)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.540 : **In Memory Medal for Forgotten Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to issue a medal to honor veterans of the Armed Forces who died after their service in the Vietnam War, but whose deaths were a direct result of their service in the Vietnam War.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/8/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.544 : Servicemen Mortgage Foreclosure Protection.** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to permanently extend the period of protections for servicemembers against mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/8/2011) Cosponsors (4)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.545 : Providing Military Honors for our Nation's Heroes Act.** A bill 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 2/8/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related bill H.R.811

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.561 : Veterans Employment Tax Credit Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity tax credit with respect to veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Welch, Peter [VT] (introduced 2/8/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.575 : HEALTHY Vets Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with community health care providers to improve access to health care for veterans in highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Pearce, Stevan [NM-2] (introduced 2/9/2011) Cosponsors (6)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.595 : National Song of Remembrance.** A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the musical piece commonly known as "Taps" as the National Song of Remembrance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Reed, Tom [NY-29] (introduced 2/9/2011) Cosponsors (13)

Committees: House Judiciary; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.648 : Pledge of Allegiance Saluting.** A bill 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 2/10/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

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**H.R.652 : Tricare Premium Limits.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the increase of premiums, deductibles, copayments, or other charges for health care provided under the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 2/10/2011) Cosponsors (6)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.743 : Hire A Hero Act of 2011.** A bill to 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: Rep Jenkins, Lynn [KS-2] (introduced 2/16/2011) Cosponsors (28) Related bill S.367

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 2/16/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.776 : Guaranteed 3% COLA for Seniors Act of 2011.** A bill to 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 and to provide, in the case of elderly beneficiaries under such title, for an annual cost-of-living increase which is not less than 3 percent.

Sponsor: Rep Engel, Eliot L. [NY-17] (introduced 2/17/2011) Cosponsors (4)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 2/17/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

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**H.R.802 : VetStar Award Program.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/18/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/6/2011 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.803 : **Equity for Injured Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase vocational rehabilitation and employment assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/18/2011)   Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.804 : **Operation New Dawn Vet Care.** A bill 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 2/18/2011)   Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.805 : **Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights Education.** A bill 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 2/18/2011)   Cosponsors (8)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.806 : **End Veteran Homelessness Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the services provided for homeless veterans under the administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/18/2011)   Cosponsors (3)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.809 : **Post 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 2/18/2011)   Cosponsors (10)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.810 : Fair Access to Veterans Benefits Act of 2011.** 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: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 2/18/2011)    Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.811 : Providing Military Honors for our Nation's Heroes Act.** A bill 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 2/18/2011)    Cosponsors (None)    Related bill H.R.545

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/3/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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**H.R.812 : Agent Orange Equity Act of 2011.** A bill to 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 2/18/2011)    Cosponsors (56)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.813 : Vet Survivor Benefit Eligibility.** 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 2/18/2011)    Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.814 : Medicare VA Reimbursement Act of 2011.** A bill to 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 2/18/2011)    Cosponsors (6)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.834 : **Veterans Home Loan Refinance Opportunity Act of 2011.** A bill 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 2/28/2011) Cosponsors (8)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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H.R.865 : **Veteran Employment Transition Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 3/1/2011) Cosponsors (57)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.923 : **Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Hastings, Alcee L. [FL-23] (introduced 3/3/2011) Cosponsors (61) Related Bill: S.780

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

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H.R.924 : **Jobs for Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] (introduced 3/3/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Small Business

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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H.R.930 : **PTSD Disability Compensation Evaluation.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to

improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 3/3/2011) Cosponsors (19) Related Bill: S.1391

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.938 : Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act.** To establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I and to designate memorials to the service of men and women of the United States in World War I.

Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 3/8/2011) Cosponsors (36)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 3/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

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**H.R.943 : K-9 Companion Corps Act.** A bill to establish a grant program to encourage the use of assistance dogs by certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Hirono, Mazie K. [HI-2] (introduced 3/8/2011) Cosponsors (23)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.948 : Embedded Mental Health Providers for Reserves Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the provision of behavioral health services to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces necessary to meet pre-deployment and post-deployment readiness and fitness standards, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Loeb sack, David [IA-2] (introduced 3/8/2011) Cosponsors (18) Related bill S.325

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.961 : Safe Haven for Heroes Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the prohibition on disrupting military funerals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rupp ersberger, C. A. Dutch [MD-2] (introduced 3/8/2011) Cosponsors (9)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 3/21/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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**H.R.1003 : National Guard, Reserve, "Gray Area" Retiree, and Surviving Spouses Space-available Travel.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for reserve members, former members of a reserve component, and unremarried surviving spouses and dependents of such members and former members.  
Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 3/10/2011)    Cosponsors (1)    Related Bill: S.542, S.1678  
Latest Major Action: 3/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.1014 : Children of Military Service Members Commemorative Lapel Pin Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to recognize the dependent children of members of the Armed Forces who are serving on active duty or who have served on active duty through the presentation of an official lapel button.  
Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 3/10/2011)    Cosponsors (4)  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 3/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.1025 : Reserve Veteran Status.** 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: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 3/10/2011)    Cosponsors (54)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs  
House Reports: 112-233  
Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **To support this bill and/or contact your legislators send a message via**  
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**H.R.1092 : Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain increases in fees for military health care.  
Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 3/15/2011)    Cosponsors (22)  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 4/6/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.  
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**H.R.1130 : Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States 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 Alexander, Rodney [LA-5] (introduced 3/16/2011) Cosponsors (6)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.1133 : Helping Our Homeless Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements with States and nonprofit organizations to collaborate in the provision of case management services associated with certain supported housing programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 3/16/2011) Cosponsors (2) Related bill: S.411

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.

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**H.R.1154 : Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prevent the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from prohibiting the use of service dogs on Department of Veterans Affairs property.

Sponsor: Rep Carter, John R. [TX-31] (introduced 3/17/2011) Cosponsors (67) Related Bill: S.769

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/28/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.1169 : National Guard Technician Equity Act.** A bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 32, United States Code, to eliminate inequities in the treatment of National Guard technicians, to reduce the eligibility age for retirement for non-Regular service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Andrews, Robert E. [NJ-1] (introduced 3/17/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 3/17/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.

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**H.R.1178 : Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act.** A bill 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 3/17/2011) Cosponsors (2) Related Bills: H.R. 2148  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 3/17/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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H.R.1245 : **Navy UDT-SEAL Museum.** To recognize the memorial at the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national memorial of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.  
Sponsor: Rep Rooney, Thomas J. [FL-16] (introduced 3/29/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill: S.1235  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1260 : **Support for Survivors Act.** A bill to provide for the preservation by the Department of Defense of documentary evidence of the Department of Defense on incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment in the military, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 3/30/2011) Cosponsors (5) Related Bill: S.658  
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1263 : **Surviving Spouse Mortgage Protection.** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures.  
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 3/30/2011) Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 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.1283 : **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: Rep Latham, Tom [IA-4] (introduced 3/31/2011) Cosponsors (40)  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1285 : **Military Health Care Affordability Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain increases in fees for military health care before fiscal year 2014.

Sponsor: Rep Bachmann, Michele [MN-6] (introduced 3/31/2011) Cosponsors (5)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.1288 : World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security 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 3/31/2011) Cosponsors (87)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.1298 : Veterans' Efficiencies Through Savings Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct cost-benefit analyses for the provision of medical care by the Department of Veterans Affairs in certain geographic areas served by multiple Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

Sponsor: Rep LoBiondo, Frank A. [NJ-2] (introduced 3/31/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.1312 : Jobs for Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an increased work opportunity credit with respect to recent veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] (introduced 4/1/2011) Cosponsors (10)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.1383 : Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011.** A bill to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 4/6/2011) Cosponsors (11) Related Bill S.745

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 112-26 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

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**H.R.1392 : Fairness to Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to provide assistance to veterans and veteran-owned

businesses with respect to contract opportunities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [PA-8] (introduced 4/6/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform .

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**H.R.1407 : Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011.** A bill to to increase, effective as of December 1, 2011, 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 by the same percentage as applies to any social Security rate increase.

Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 4/6/2011) Cosponsors (8) Related bill S.894

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2011 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.1441 : Arlington Gravesite Reservations.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the prohibition against the reservation of gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (3) Related bill: S.698

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.1451 : Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act.** A bill to repeal a modification of authority to make certain interval payments of educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (11)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Appropriations

Latest Major Action: 4/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.1457 : William Shemin Jewish World War I Veterans Act.** A bill 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 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (19)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.1460 : Automatic Combat Vet Enrollment.** A bill to provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Owens, William L. [NY-23] (introduced 4/8/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.1484 : Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the appeals process of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish a commission to study judicial review of the determination of veterans' benefits.  
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 4/12/2011)    Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
House Reports: [112-83](#)  
Latest Major Action: 6/6/2011 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.1497 : Tripoli Libya Vet Remains.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to take whatever steps may be necessary to exhume and transfer the remains of certain deceased members of the Armed Forces buried in Tripoli, Libya, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Rogers, Mike J. [MI-8] (introduced 4/12/2011)    Cosponsors (6)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.1540 : National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.** A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [CA-25] (by request) (introduced 4/14/2011)    Cosponsors (1)  
Related Bills: S.981, S.1272  
Committees: House Armed Services  
House Reports: [112-78](#), [112-78](#) Part 2  
Latest Major Action: 12/7/2011 Resolving differences -- House actions. Status: The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Armed Services for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: McKeon, Bartlett, Thornberry, Akin, Forbes, Miller (FL), LoBiondo, Turner (OH), Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Wittman, Hunter, Rooney, Schilling, Griffin (AR), West, Smith (WA), Reyes, Sanchez, Loretta, McIntyre, Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Loeb sack, Tsongas, and Pingree (ME).

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**H.R.1591 : Sanctity of Eternal Rest for Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to guarantee that military funerals are conducted with dignity and respect.

Sponsor: Rep Bass, Charles F. [NH-2] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (33) Related Bill: S.815  
Committees: House Judiciary; House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 8/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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**H.R.1595 : Veterans' Home Loan Improvement Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make all veterans eligible for home loans under the veterans mortgage revenue bond program.  
Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (14)  
Committees: House Ways and Means  
Latest Major Action: 4/15/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.1627 : Arlington Monument Placements.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (3)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services  
House Reports: [112-84](#) Part 1  
Latest Major Action: 5/24/2011 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.1647 : Veterans' Choice in Filing Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which certain veterans may submit claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary to any regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 5/3/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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**H.R.1657 : Vet Business Misrepresentation Penalties.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.  
Sponsor: Rep Stutzman, Marlin A. [IN-3] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bill: S.1184  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
House Reports: [112-85](#)  
Latest Major Action: 5/24/2011 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.1671 : Andrew Connolly Veterans' Housing Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide specially adapted housing assistance to individuals residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member.

Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 5/2/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/5/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.1775 : Stolen Valor Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal offense relating to fraudulent claims about military service.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 5/5/2011) Cosponsors (51) Related Bills: S.1728

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 6/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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**H.R.1811 : National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2011.** A bill 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 5/10/2011) Cosponsors (13)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.1826 : Unauthorized Vet Fees Penalty.** A bill 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 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.1850 : Army Combat Action Badge Eligibility Expansion.** A bill 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 Nugent, Richard [FL-5] (introduced 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1854 : **Veterans Outreach Enhancement Act of 2011.** A Bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of outreach for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Ryan, Tim [OH-17] (introduced 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related bill: S.935

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.1855 : **Veterans' Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services' Improvements Act of 2011.** A bill 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 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (10) Related Bills: S.957

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/28/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

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H.R.1863 : **Veterans Health Equity Act of 2011.** 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 Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Guinta, Frank C. [NH-1] (introduced 5/12/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: S.910

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/27/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.1871 : **Wounded Warrior Tax Equity Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Sam [TX-3] (introduced 5/12/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: S.993

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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H.R.1898 : **Veterans 2nd 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: Rep Rehberg, Denny [MT] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (4) Related Bills: H.R.2349, S.1707

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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H.R.1910 : **Unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance.** A bill to extend for one year the authority of certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans to transfer unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance benefits to family members.

Sponsor: Rep Bartlett, Roscoe G. [MD-6] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (15)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/27/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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H.R.1911 : **Protecting Veterans' Homes Act.** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to permanently extend the period of protections for servicemembers against mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/21/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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H.R.1928 : **Women's Fair and Equal Right to Military Service Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the ground combat exclusion policy for female members of the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Rep Sanchez, Loretta [CA-47] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1941 : **Hiring Heroes Act of 2011.** A bill to improve the provision of Federal transition, rehabilitation, vocational, and unemployment benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Sanford D.[GA-2] (introduced 5/23/2011) Cosponsors (70) Related Bills: S.951

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Hearings Held.

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H.R.1968 : **Cold War Service Medal Act of 2011.** 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: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2] (introduced 5/24/2011) Cosponsors (12)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1979 : **Chapter 61 CRDP + SBP/DIC Offset + Reserve Retired Pay:** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation to include additional chapter 61 disability retirees, to coordinate eligibility for combat-related special compensation and concurrent receipt, to eliminate the reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation, and to enhance the ability of members of the reserve components who serve on active duty or perform active service to receive credit for such service in determining eligibility



for early receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

Sponsor: Rep Andrews, Robert E. [NJ-1] (introduced 5/25/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.2002 : Post 9/11 Educational Assistance Transfer.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit disabled or injured members of the Armed Forces to transfer Post 9/11 Educational Assistance benefits after retirement, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Chaffetz, Jason [UT-3] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.2026 : Services, Education, and Rehabilitation for Veterans Act.** A bill to provide grants to establish veteran's treatment courts.

Sponsor: Rep Cicilline, David N. [RI-1] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (15)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 8/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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**H.R.2046 : Vet Discharge Transitional Services.** A bill 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.

Sponsor: Rep Rangel, Charles B. [NY-15] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (8)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.2048 : Vet Private Cemetery Headstones.** A bill to expand the eligibility for the provision of Government headstones, markers, and medallions for veterans buried at private cemeteries.

Sponsor: Rep Ryan, Tim [OH-17] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.2051 : Veterans Missing in America Act of 2011.** A bill 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 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (24)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.2052 : Fort McClellan Health Registry Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Tonko, Paul [NY-21] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (2)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.2053 : Veterans' Disability Claims Efficiency Act of 2011.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans.  
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (3)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.2055 : Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.**  
Sponsor: Rep Culberson, John Abney [TX-7] (introduced 5/31/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.RES.288  
Committees: House Appropriations  
House Reports: 112-94 Senate Reports: 112-29  
Latest Major Action: 12/8/2011 Conference committee actions. Status: Conference held.

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**H.R.2070 : World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day.  
Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 6/1/2011) Cosponsors (56)  
Committees: House Natural Resources  
Latest Major Action: 11/17/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.

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**H.R.2074 : Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention & Health Care Enhancement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
Sponsor: Rep Buerkle, Ann Marie [NY-25] (introduced 6/1/2011) Cosponsors (7) Related Bills: S.1689  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs  
House Reports: 112-235  
Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 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.2115 : Filipino Veterans of World War II Family Reunification Act.** A bill 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 6/3/2011) Cosponsors (10) Related Bill: H.R.2116 &

S.1141

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 7/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

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**H.R.2116 : Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2011.** To exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Hirono, Mazie K. [HI-2] (introduced 6/3/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill: H.R.2115 & S.1141

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 7/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

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**H.R.2148 : Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act.** A bill to 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 6/13/2011) Cosponsors (3) Related Bills: H.R.1178 2148

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.2192 : National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Extension Act of 2011.** A bill to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

Sponsor: Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] (introduced 6/15/2011) Cosponsors (5)

House Reports: 112-256

Latest Major Action: 10/18/2011 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 172.

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**H.R.2203 : Alaska Hero's Card Act of 2011.** A bill to establish a pilot program under which veterans in the State of Alaska may receive health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs at non-Department medical facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 6/15/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related bill: S.1146

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.2232 : AMRA Charter Amendment.** A bill 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 6/16/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 8/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

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**H.R.2243 : Veterans Employment Promotion Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Labor to publish on an Internet website certain information about the number of veterans who are employed by Federal contractors.  
Sponsor: Rep McNerney, Jerry [CA-11] (introduced 6/21/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/28/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.2274 : Annual Post 9/11 VA EAP Report.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 6/22/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 7/21/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.2300 : VA Paralympic Team Allowance.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team.  
Sponsor: Rep Stutzman, Marlin A. [IN-3] (introduced 6/22/2011)    Cosponsors (None) Related Bills:  
H.R.2345  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.2301 : Streamlining Education Claims Processing Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make payments to educational institutions under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program at the end of a quarter, semester, or term, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Stutzman, Marlin A. [IN-3] (introduced 6/22/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/21/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.2302 : DVA Conference Congressional Notification.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
Sponsor: Rep Stutzman, Marlin A. [IN-3] (introduced 6/22/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs  
House Reports: 112-236  
Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 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.2305 : **Memorialize Our Guardsmen and Reservists Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make memorial headstones and markers available for purchase on behalf of members of reserve components who performed inactive duty training or active duty for training but did not serve on active duty.  
Sponsor: Rep Hayworth, Nan A. S. [NY-19] (introduced 6/23/2011) Cosponsors (6)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.2318 : **Medal of Honor Stipend Increase Act.** A bill 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 \$500.  
Sponsor: Rep Sessions, Pete [TX-32] (introduced 6/23/2011) Cosponsors (19)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.2345 : **VA Assistance to Paralympics, Inc.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc.  
Sponsor: Rep Stutzman, Marlin A. [IN-3] (introduced 6/23/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.R.2300  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/21/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.2349 : Veterans' Benefits Training Improvement Act of 2011 .** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to annually assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 6/24/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.1898, S.1707  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs  
House Reports: 112-241  
Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 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.2369 : **American Legion Charter Amendment.** A bill to o amend title 36, United States Code, to provide for an additional power for the American Legion under its Federal charter.  
Sponsor: Rep Altmire, Jason [PA-4] (introduced 6/24/2011) Cosponsors (432)  
Committees: House Judiciary  
House Reports: 112-313  
Latest Major Action: 12/5/2011 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 212.

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H.R.2383 : **Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use electronic communication to provide required notice to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 6/24/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/28/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

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H.R.2388 : **Access to Timely Information Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the submission of information by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Congress.  
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 6/24/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/28/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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H.R.2403 : **National Guard Outreach Act.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to State National Guards to provide counseling and reintegration services for members of reserve components of the Armed Forces ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation, members returning from such active duty, veterans of the Armed Forces, and their families.  
Sponsor: Rep Welch, Peter [VT] (introduced 6/24/2011)    Cosponsors (2)  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 7/19/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.2419 : **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: Rep Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [VA-11] (introduced 7/6/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.2433 : **Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 7/7/2011)    Cosponsors (31)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services  
House Reports: [112-242](#) Part 1  
Latest Major Action: 10/13/2011 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.2443 : **Tax Credit to Hire Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on expensing certain depreciable assets for certain businesses that hire veterans.  
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 7/7/2011)    Cosponsors (10)  
Committees: House Ways and Means  
Latest Major Action: 7/7/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.2470 : E-SERV Act.** A bill to improve the electronic health information systems and capabilities of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
Sponsor: Rep Donnelly, Joe [IN-2] (introduced 7/8/2011) Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 8/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.2477 : VA Distinguished Public Service Medal.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Department of Veterans Affairs Medal for Distinguished Public Service to honor veterans who make remarkable and distinguished contributions to their communities.  
Sponsor: Rep McIntyre, Mike [NC-7] (introduced 7/8/2011) Cosponsors (11)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.2498 : Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act.** A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day.  
Sponsor: Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4] (introduced 7/12/2011) Cosponsors (11) Related Bills: S.1348  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.2530 : State Nursing Home Reimbursement Rates.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans.  
Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 7/14/2011) Cosponsors (49)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/28/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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**H.R.2550 : Spouses of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the transfer of entitlement to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by deceased members of the Armed Forces.  
Sponsor: Rep Boren, Dan [OK-2] (introduced 7/15/2011) Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.2559 : Helping Homeless Heroes Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Deutch, Theodore E. [FL-19] (introduced 7/15/2011) Cosponsors (32)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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H.R.2563 : **KWVM Wall of Remembrance.** A bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.  
Sponsor: Rep Hall, Ralph M. [TX-4] (introduced 7/15/2011) Cosponsors (24)  
Committees: House Natural Resources  
Latest Major Action: 10/4/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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H.R.2634 : **Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance for certain individuals affected by exposure to Agent Orange and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enhance the availability of medical care for descendants of veterans of the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 7/25/2011) Cosponsors (9)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Foreign Affairs; House Energy and Commerce  
Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.

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H.R.2654 : **Don't Default on Military Families Act.** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide servicemembers increased protection during a funding gap.  
Sponsor: Rep Ellison, Keith [MN-5] (introduced 7/26/2011) Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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H.R.2717 : **American World War II City.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one city in the United States each year as an "American World War II City", and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep McIntyre, Mike [NC-7] (introduced 8/1/2011) Cosponsors (33)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 9/12/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.2720 : **VA Veteran Internment Role.** A bill to clarify the role of the Department of Veterans Affairs in providing a benefit or service related to the interment or funeral of a veteran, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Culberson, John Abney [TX-7] (introduced 8/1/2011) Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 9/12/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.2733 : **National Guard BAH.** A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to ensure that the basic allowance for housing in effect for a member of the National Guard is not reduced when the member transitions between active duty and full-time National Guard duty without a break in active service.  
Sponsor: Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] (introduced 8/1/2011) Cosponsors (4) Related Bills: S.1579  
Committees: House Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 9/20/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on



Military Personnel.

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**H.R.2751 : Joining Forces for Military Mental Health Act.** A bill to authorize a pilot program on enhancements of Department of Defense efforts on mental health in the National Guard and Reserves through community partnerships, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2] (introduced 8/1/2011) Cosponsors (12) Related Bills: S.1465

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 9/20/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.2826 : Combat Veterans Back to Work Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from employer social security taxes with respect to service members and veterans, and to provide a business credit for the retention of such individuals for at least 1 year.

Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 8/26/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 8/26/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.2848 : Veterans' Religious Freedom Act.** A bill to provide for certain requirements of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to funeral and memorial services for deceased veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 9/7/2011) Cosponsors (12)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/12/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.2875 : Wounded Veteran Job Security Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the reemployment of certain persons following absences from a position employment for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment for certain injuries and illnesses, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-25] (introduced 9/9/2011) Cosponsors (27)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.2888 : 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: Rep Schock, Aaron [IL-18] (introduced 9/12/2011) Cosponsors (19) Related Bills: S.1540

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 9/12/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.2965 : VA Infection Control Penalties.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for penalties for employees of the Veterans Health Administration who intentionally fail to follow infection control practices.

Sponsor: Rep Turner, Michael R. [OH-3] (introduced 9/19/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 9/23/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.2985 : Veteran's I.D. Card Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Akin, W. Todd [MO-2] (introduced 9/21/2011) Cosponsors (48)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/3/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

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**H.R.2995 : Post 9-11 GI Jobs Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for hiring post 9-11 veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Keating, William R. [MA-10] (introduced 9/21/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 9/21/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.2996 : Gulf War Syndrome `Presumptive Illness' Extension Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of time in which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs presumes the service-connection of certain disabilities of veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kissell, Larry [NC-8] (introduced 9/21/2011) Cosponsors (5)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/3/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.3016 : Federal Recovery Coordination Program.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly operate the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Barrow, John [GA-12] (introduced 9/22/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.3167 : VET Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program under which certain veterans entitled to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary can use such entitlement to start or purchase a qualifying business enterprise, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 10/12/2011) Cosponsors (7)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Small Business; House Agriculture

Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.3192 : VA Cemetery Internment Eligibility.** 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 10/13/2011) Cosponsors (18)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**H.R.3245 : Efficient Service for Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to jointly ensure that the Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs have access to the Defense Personnel Record Image Retrieval system and the Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Identity Repository system.

Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-19] (introduced 10/24/2011) Cosponsors (9)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 10/28/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.3277 : VA Home Loan Expansion.** A bill 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 10/27/2011) Cosponsors (6)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/28/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.3337 : Open Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an open burn pit registry to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq receive information regarding such exposure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Akin, W. Todd [MO-2] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (28) Related Bills: S.1798

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.3340 : Help Inspire and Retrain our Exceptional Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to provide veterans with apprenticeships and career advice.

Sponsor: Rep Bilbray, Brian P. [CA-50] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.3349 : National Guard and Reserve Equality in Education Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to recognize the distance education program developed by the Department of Defense to provide advanced joint professional military education through a combination of non-resident and resident instruction as equivalent to the joint professional military education phase II program consisting of exclusively of resident instruction.

Sponsor: Rep Griffin, Tim [AR-2] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 11/3/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**H.R.3350 : Veterans Travel Benefits Modernization Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the waiver period with respect to a deductible made by a veteran for certain travel costs necessary to receive treatment at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Griffin, Tim [AR-2] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.3351 : Franchise Education for Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow certain veterans to use educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for franchise training.

Sponsor: Rep Griffin, Tim [AR-2] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.3352 : Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund.

Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (7) Related Bills: H.R.136, S.1806

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.3355 : Heroes Hiring Heroes Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to assist veterans find employment, to make permanent and modify the work opportunity tax credit with respect to unemployed veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lujan, Ben Ray [NM-3] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/14/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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**H.R.3369 : TBI Rural Pilot Program.** A bill 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 11/4/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/4/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.3384 : Wounded Warriors Employment Opportunity Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for the employment of wounded warriors.

Sponsor: Rep Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] (introduced 11/4/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.3402

Latest Major Action: 11/4/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.3390 : Southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a polytrauma rehabilitation center or polytrauma network site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Pearce, Stevan [NM-2] (introduced 11/4/2011)    Cosponsors (2) Related Bills S.1272  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 11/14/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**H.R.3402 : Hiring Our Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for employing returning heroes and wounded warriors.  
Sponsor: Rep Schwartz, Allyson Y. [PA-13] (introduced 11/10/2011)    Cosponsors (41) Related bills: H.R.3384  
Committees: House Ways and Means  
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.3447 : Veterans' Education Protection Act.** A bill to require proprietary institutions of higher education to derive not less than 10 percent of such institutions' revenues from sources other than veterans' education benefits or funds provided under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.  
Sponsor: Rep Quigley, Mike [IL-5] (introduced 11/16/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: House Education and the Workforce  
Latest Major Action: 11/16/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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**H.R.3462 : Post-9/11 EAP Tuition Payments.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make tuition payments for veterans enrolled in institutions of higher learning who are receiving assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program by not later than the tuition due date for the quarter, semester, or term.  
Sponsor: Rep Clarke, Hansen [MI-13] (introduced 11/17/2011)    Cosponsors (6)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 11/17/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.3473 : Mobilizing Opportunities for Veterans Employment Act of 2011.** A bill to provide employment opportunities for veterans in transportation construction projects, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 11/18/2011)    Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: House Transportation and Infrastructure  
Latest Major Action: 11/18/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**H.R.3483 : Veterans Education Equity Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] (introduced 11/18/2011)    Cosponsors (8)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/18/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.3500 : **Flathead National Forest Jesus Christ Cross**. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Flathead National Forest in the State of Montana containing a World War II memorial to the Whitefish Mountain Resort.

Sponsor: Rep Rehberg, Denny [MT] (introduced 11/18/2011)    Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 11/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

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H.R.3520 : **Keeping Our Promises Act of 2011**

Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 11/29/2011)    Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 11/29/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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H.R.3524 : **Disabled Veterans Employment Protection Act**

Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 11/30/2011)    Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/6/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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H.R.3546 : **Senior Veterans Housing Assistance Act of 2011**

Sponsor: Rep Turner, Michael R. [OH-3] (introduced 12/1/2011)    Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 12/1/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

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## Senate Bills

S.63 : **WWII Filipino Vet Claims.** 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 1/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.67 : **Disabled Vet Space "A" Travel.** 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 1/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.68 : **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 1/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.70 : **Restore Memorial Day Observance.** A bill to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Inouye, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 1/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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S.146 : **Veteran Employment Transition Act of 2011.** 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 1/25/2011) Cosponsors (22)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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**S.260 : SBP DIC Offset.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 2/2/2011) Cosponsors (49)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/2/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**S.277 : Caring for Camp Lejeune Veterans Act of 2011.** 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, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 2/3/2011) Cosponsors (9)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: 112-42

Latest Major Action: 8/1/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.

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**S.316 : Fort Hood Victims and Families Benefits Protection Act.** A bill to ensure that the victims and victims' families of the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, receive the same treatment, benefits, and honors as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

Sponsor: Sen Cornyn, John [TX] (introduced 2/10/2011) Cosponsors (2) Related bill: H.R.625

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**S.325 : Embedded Mental Health Providers for Reserves Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the provision of behavioral health services to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces necessary to meet pre-deployment and post-deployment readiness and fitness standards, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 2/10/2011) Cosponsors (7) Related bill H.R.948

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.



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**S.344 : Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2011.** 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 or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 2/14/2011)    Cosponsors (27)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**S.367 : Hire A Hero Act of 2011.** 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, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Scott P. [MA] (introduced 2/16/2011)    Cosponsors (2)    Related bill H.R.743

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 2/16/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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**S.402 : Cold War Service Medal Act of 2011.** 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 2/17/2011)    Cosponsors (4)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/17/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**S.411 : Helping Our Homeless Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements with States and nonprofit organizations to collaborate in the provision of case management services associated with certain supported housing programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 2/17/2011)    Cosponsors (18)    Related bill: H.R.1133

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.423 : **Fully Developed VA Claim Applications.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide authority for retroactive effective date for awards of disability compensation in connection with applications that are fully-developed at submittal, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/1/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.491 : **Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Pryor, Mark L. [AR] (introduced 3/4/2011) Cosponsors (13)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.536 : **Survivor Educational Assistance Limitations.** 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 3/9/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.542 : **National Guard, Reserve, "Gray Area" Retiree, and Surviving Spouses Space-available Travel Equity Act of 2011.** A bill 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 3/10/2011) Cosponsors (9) Related bill: H.R.1003, Related Bills: S.1678

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.658 : **Support for Survivors Act.** A bill to provide for the preservation of the Department of Defense of documentary evidence of the Department of Defense on incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment in the military, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 3/28/2011) Cosponsors (23) Related Bill: H.R.1268

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.666 : **Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2011.** A bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 3/29/2011) Cosponsors (4)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.696 : **Vet Center Travel Pay.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat Vet Centers as Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for purposes of payments or allowances for beneficiary travel to Department facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/31/2011) Cosponsors (5)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.698 : **Arlington Gravesite Reservations.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the prohibition against the reservation of gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Warner, Mark R. [VA] (introduced 3/31/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related bill: H.R.1441

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.728 : **NAIV Federal Charter.** A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.

Sponsor: Sen Johnson, Tim [SD] (introduced 4/5/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 4/5/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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S.731 : **Travel Reimbursement for Inactive Duty Training Personnel (TRIP) Act of 2011.** 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 Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 4/5/2011) Cosponsors (5)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/5/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.745 : **GI Bill Tuition Guarantee.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect certain veterans who would otherwise be subject to a reduction in educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 4/6/2011) Cosponsors (5) Related Bill: H.R.1383

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/19/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 105.

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S.769 : **Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prevent the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from prohibiting the use of service dogs on Department of Veterans Affairs property.

Sponsor: Sen Harkin, Tom [IA] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (8) Related Bill: H.R.1154

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.780 : **Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill: H.R.923

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.798 : **Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act of 2011.** A Bill 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: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 4/12/2011) Cosponsors (19) Related Bill: H.R.420

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 4/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the

Committee on the Judiciary.

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**S.815 : Sanctity of Eternal Rest for Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to guarantee that military funerals are conducted with dignity and respect.

Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J. [ME] (introduced 4/13/2011) Cosponsors (37) Related Bill: H.R.1591  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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**S.866 : Reserve Retirement Deployment Credit Correction Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify 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 Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 5/2/2011) Cosponsors (28)  
Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/2/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**S.873 : Spina Bifida Children 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 5/3/2011) Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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**S.874 : Survivor Month of Death compensation.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the provision of compensation and pension to surviving spouses of veterans in the months of the deaths of the veterans, to improve housing loan benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 5/3/2011) Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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**S.894 : Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, 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 Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 5/5/2011) Cosponsors (14) Related bill H.R.1407

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: 112-44

Latest Major Action: 11/9/2011 Signed by President.

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S.910 : **Veterans Health Equity Act of 2011.** 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 Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 5/9/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.1863

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.935 : **Veterans Outreach Enhancement Act of 2011.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of outreach to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 5/10/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related bill H.R.1854

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.951 : **Hiring Heroes Act of 2011.** A bill to improve the provision of Federal transition, rehabilitation, vocational, and unemployment benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (40) Related Bills: H.R.1941

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2011 By Senator Murray from Committee on Veterans' Affairs filed written report. Report No. 112-36.

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S.955 : **Protect Those Who Serve Act.** A bill to provide grants for the renovation, modernization or construction of law enforcement facilities.

Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA] (introduced 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 5/11/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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S.957 : **Veterans' Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services' Improvements Act of 2011.** A bill 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: Sen Boozman, John [AR] (introduced 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (2) Related Bills: H.R.1855

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.981 : **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.** A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Sen Levin, Carl [MI] (by request) (introduced 5/12/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.1540  
Committees: Senate Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 5/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.993 : **Wounded Warrior Tax Equity Act of 2011.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries.  
Sponsor: Sen Cornyn, John [TX] (introduced 5/12/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.1871  
Committees: Senate Finance  
Latest Major Action: 5/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S.1017 : **Disabled Veteran Caregiver Housing Assistance Act of 2011.** 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 5/17/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.R.117  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.1025 : **National Guard Empowerment and State-National Defense Integration Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Sen Leahy, Patrick J. [VT] (introduced 5/19/2011) Cosponsors (68)  
Committees: Senate Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 5/19/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.1044 : **DECA BRAC Pilot Program.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Defense Commissary Agency to conduct a pilot program at military institutions to be closed or subject to an adverse realignment under a base closure law under which a commissary store may sell additional types of merchandise.  
Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J. [ME] (introduced 5/23/2011) Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: Senate Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 5/23/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the

Committee on Armed Services.

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S.1060 : **Honoring All Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to improve education, employment, independent living services, and health care for veterans, to improve assistance for homeless veterans, and to improve the administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 5/25/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.1080 : **PRO-VETS Act of 2011.** A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes for the benefits, to provide for automatic enrollment for veterans returning from combat zones into the Department of Veterans Affairs medical system, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 5/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.1141 : **WWII Filipino Vet Child Immigration Limits.** A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (2) Related Bills: H.R.2115 & 2116

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 5/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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S.1146 : **Alaska Hero's Card Act of 2011.** A bill to establish a pilot program under which veterans in the State of Alaska may receive health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs at non-Department medical facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 6/6/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related bill: H.R.2203

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.1148 : **Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of assistance to homeless veterans, to improve the regulation of fiduciaries who represent individuals for purposes of receiving benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 6/6/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.1154 : **Honoring Promises to Service-Disabled Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to require transparency for



Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 6/7/2011) Cosponsors (2)

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Major Action: 6/7/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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**S.1172 : VA Appeals Process.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of the appeals process under the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims by improving staff conferences directed by such Court, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Pryor, Mark L. [AR] (introduced 6/9/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/9/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**S.1184 : Vet Business Misrepresentation Penalties.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Cantwell, Maria [WA] (introduced 6/13/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bill: H.R.1657

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/13/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**S.1235 : Navy UDT-SEAL Museum.** A bill to recognize the memorial at the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national memorial of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

Sponsor: Sen Rubio, Marco [FL] (introduced 6/20/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bill: H.R.1245

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 6/20/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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**S.1253 : National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.** An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 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 6/22/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: S.1254, S.1255, S.1256

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Senate Reports: 112-26

Latest Major Action: 6/22/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 80.

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**S.1272 : Southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2011.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing of a polytrauma rehabilitation center or polytrauma network

site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, region, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Udall, Tom [NM] (introduced 6/23/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.3390, S.666  
Latest Major Action: 6/23/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**S.1314 : Disabled Vet Outreach Program.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish minimum funding levels for States for the support of disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 6/30/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/30/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**S.1348 : Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act.** A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veterans Day.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Scott P. [MA] (introduced 7/12/2011) Cosponsors (6) Related Bills: H.R.2498

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 7/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**S.1391 : PTSD Disability Compensation Evaluations.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 7/20/2011) Cosponsors (1) Related Bills: H.R.930

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**S.1465 : Joining Forces for Military Mental Health Act.** A bill to authorize a pilot program on enhancements of Department of Defense efforts on mental health in the National Guard and Reserves through community partnerships, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Reed, Jack [RI] (introduced 8/1/2011) Cosponsors (9) Related Bills: H.R.2751

Latest Major Action: 8/1/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**S.1474 : Veterans Travel Tax Relief Act of 2011.** A bill 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: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 8/2/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 8/2/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S.1540 : **Help Veterans Own Franchises Act.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans.  
Sponsor: Sen Casey, Robert P., Jr. [PA] (introduced 9/12/2011)    Cosponsors (2) Related Bills: H.R.2888  
Committees: Senate Finance  
Latest Major Action: 9/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S.1553 : **Veterans to Paramedics Transition Act.** A bill to A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for military veterans.  
Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 9/14/2011)    Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Latest Major Action: 9/14/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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S.1579 : **Latest Title: National Guard Basic Allowance for Housing Equity Act.** A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide that the basic allowance for housing in effect for a member of the National Guard is not reduced when the member transitions between active duty and full-time National Guard duty without a break in active service.  
Sponsor: Sen Brown, Scott P. [MA] (introduced 9/20/2011)    Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.R.2733  
Latest Major Action: 9/20/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.1631 : **Establish a New Rural Area VA Center.** A bill to authorize the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of a center for technical assistance for non-Department health care providers who furnish care to veterans in rural areas, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 9/23/2011)    Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 9/23/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1634 : **VA Education Program Improvements.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval and disapproval of programs of education for purposes of educational benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 9/26/2011)    Cosponsors (2)  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 9/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1689 : **Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Sen Toomey, Pat [PA] (introduced 10/12/2011)    Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.R.2074  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1707 : **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 10/13/2011) Cosponsors (20) Related Bills: H.R.1898, H.R.2349

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/13/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1728 : **Stolen Valor Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal offense relating to fraudulent claims about military service.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Scott P. [MA] (introduced 10/18/2011) Cosponsors (None) Related Bills: H.R.1775

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 10/18/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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S.1755 : **VA Disabled Beneficiary Travel Pay.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 10/20/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/20/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1768 : **National Guard, Reserve, 'Gray Area' Retiree, and Surviving Spouses Space-available Travel Equity Act of 2011.** A bill 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 10/31/2011) Cosponsors (9) Related Bills: S.542

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 10/31/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.1798 : **Open Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an open burn pit registry to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq receive information regarding such exposure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Udall, Tom [NM] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (14) Related Bills: H.R.3337

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/3/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1799 : **Access to Appropriate Immunizations for Veterans Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (3) Related Bills:H.R.1930

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/3/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1806 : **Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (2) Related Bills: H.R.136, H.R.3352

Latest Major Action: 11/3/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1820 : **National Guard Outreach Act.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to State National Guards to provide counseling and reintegration services for members of reserve components of the Armed Forces ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation, members returning from such active duty, veterans of the Armed Forces, and their families.

Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 11/8/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 11/8/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.1823 : **National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2011.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for employment and reemployment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blunt, Roy [MO] (introduced 11/8/2011) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/8/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1838 : **VA Dog Training Pilot Program.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on service dog training therapy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 11/9/2011) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/9/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1839 : **Reserve Component Reintegration.** 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 11/10/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.1846 : **National Veterans Support Foundation.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the National Veterans Support Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Sen Bennet, Michael F. [CO] (introduced 11/10/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1847 : **Vet Unauthorized Fee Penalties.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees, and for other purposes.  
Sponsor: Sen Rubio, Marco [FL] (introduced 11/10/2011)    Cosponsors (3)  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1849 : **VA Rural Areal Strategic Plan.** A bill to require a five-year strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas.  
Sponsor: Sen Franken, Al [MN] (introduced 11/10/2011)    Cosponsors (1)  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 11/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1867 : **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.** An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 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 11/15/2011)    Cosponsors (None) Related bills: H.R.1540  
Committees: Senate Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 12/1/2011 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Passed Senate with amendments by Yeas-Nays. 93 - 7. Record Vote Number: 218.  
Latest Action: 12/1/2011 See also H.R. 1540.

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S.1893 : **National Guard Technician Equity Act**  
Sponsor: Sen Reed, Jack [RI] (introduced 11/17/2011)    Cosponsors (None)  
Committees: Senate Armed Services  
Latest Major Action: 11/17/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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