

VETERAN LEGISLATION

29 August 2014



In each chamber of Congress, four forms of legislative measures may be introduced or submitted, and acted upon. These include bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions. Resolutions are not laws but rather the statements of intent or declarations that affect the operations of Congress

- Joint resolutions are legislative measure that requires approval by the Senate and the House and is presented to the President for his approval or disapproval, in exactly the same case as a bill.
- Concurrent resolutions are legislative measures adopted by both houses of a bicameral legislature that lacks the force of law (is non-binding) and does not require the approval of the chief executive (president). Concurrent resolutions are typically adopted to regulate the internal affairs of the legislature that adopted it, or for other purposes where authority of law is not necessary-such as awards or recognitions
- Simple resolutions are used to delegate official internal Congressional business.

At present 9,732 bills and resolutions containing 5745 amendments have been introduced the United States Congress. Of those, on average only about 5% will become law. Those outstanding must be enacted before the end of the 2013-2015 session of the 113th Congress sometime before 3 JAN 2015. To date only 163 laws, of which only a few were veteran related, have been passed by both chambers and sent to the President for signature of which he has vetoed 6. This is only 1.7% of all introduced bills being

signed into law. On average about 5% become law. Thus the 113th Congress is often referred to as a “Do-nothing Congress”.

As of 29 AUG, of the 5,400 House and 2,776 Senate bills introduced in the 113th Congress, the ones listed below 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.

To locate a summary of all House/Senate bills and resolutions in numerical order go to <http://beta.congress.gov/search?q=%7B%22source%22%3A%22legislation%22%7D#> and select “Ascending” or “Descending”. This **Congress.gov** site will display up to 500 bills per page (selectable) and each item’s bill number, short title, sponsor and date introduced, number of cosponsors, last major action, and how far it is advanced in the legislation process to become law (i.e. passed House | passed Senate | sent to President | Became law). To see what the original title was (i.e. what the bill is intended to do), complete text, amendments, or related bill numbers click on the bill number.

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The Following Color Codes Apply to the Bills Listed Below

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



House Bills

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H.R.32 : **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 1/3/2013)

Related Bills: S.734

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.44 : **Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.** A bill to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission.

Sponsor: Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

H.R.110 : WWII Filipino Service 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: Rep Hanabusa, Colleen W. [HI-1] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.111 : Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act. A bill to award a Congressional gold medal, collectively, to the Filipino Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

Sponsor: Rep Hanabusa, Colleen W. [HI-1] (introduced 1/3/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.153 : Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2013. 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 1/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.154 : VA Public Service Vet 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 1/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.164 : Disabled Vet Space A Travel. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent 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 entitled to such travel.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 1/4/2013)

Related Bills: S.346

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.179 : 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 1/4/2013)

Related Bills: S.938

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.183 : 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-11] (introduced 1/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.222 : Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act. A bill to amend the World War I Centennial Commission Act to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 1/14/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

H.R.241 : Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Ross, Dennis A. [FL-15] (introduced 1/14/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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H.R.257 : Veterans Health Equity Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.

Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 1/15/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.258 : Stolen Valor Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 1/15/2013)

Related Bills: S.210

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 113-12 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

H.R.288 : CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act of 2013. 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 Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 1/15/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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H.R.293 : 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 B. [FL-11] (introduced 1/15/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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-12] (introduced 1/15/2013)

Related Bills: S.234

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.318 : **Korean War Wall of Remembrance.** 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 1/18/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

H.R.324 : **First Special Service Force Congressional Gold Medal.** To grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/18/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 113-16 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

H.R.330 : **Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act.** A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

Sponsor: Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-42] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 226.

H.R.331 : **VA Veteran Enrollment Reporting.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit the centralized reporting of veteran enrollment by certain groups, districts, and consortiums of educational institutions.

Sponsor: Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-42] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.333 : **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 1/22/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.357 : GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/23/2013) Related Bills: S.2258

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2013 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 66.

H.R.369 : Reducing Barriers to Veterans' Benefits Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection for certain veterans with tinnitus or hearing loss.

Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 1/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.386 : Homes for Heroes Act of 2013. A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 1/23/2013)

Related Bills: H..384

Committees: House Financial Services; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.411 : 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-20] (introduced 1/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.435 : Military Enlistment Opportunity Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the enlistment in the Armed Forces of additional persons who are residing in the United States and to lawfully admit for permanent residence certain enlistees who are not citizens or other nationals of the United States.

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 1/29/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security.

H.R.449 : **Vet Amnesty Period for Gun Registration.** 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 Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/1/2013)

Committees: House Judiciary; House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.

H.R.458 : **Fallen Heroes Family Act of 2013.** 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 2/4/2013)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security.

H.R.481 : **Filipino Proof of Service.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept certain documents as proof of service in determining the eligibility of an individual to receive amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 2/4/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.503 : **National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act.** A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Roe, David P. [TN-1] (introduced 2/5/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 2/15/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

H.R.543

Latest Title: **Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Gibson, Christopher P. [NY-19] (introduced 2/6/2013)

Latest Major Action: 2/15/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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H.R.562 : **VRAP Extension Act of 2013.** A bill to provide for a three-month extension of the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/6/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.569 : **Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013.** A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2013, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 2/6/2013) Related Bills: H.R.570, S.893, S.2258
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
Note: For further action, see [S.893](#) , which became Public Law 113-52 on 11/21/2013.

H.R.570 : **American Heroes COLA Act** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 2/6/2013) Related Bills: H.R.569, S.893
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.577 : **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: Rep Stockman, Steve [TX-36] (introduced 2/6/2013) Related Bills: H.R.602
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/15/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.595 : Veterans Education Equity Act of 2013. 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 2/8/2013)

Related Bills: S.262

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.604 : Chris Kotch VA Education Access Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of certain individuals with service-connected disabilities who transfer to reserve components before discharge from the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 2/8/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.631 : Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide requirements for the contents of the Transition Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17] (introduced 2/13/2013)

Related Bills: S.889

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.635 : HEALTHY Vets Act of 2013. 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 2/13/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.671 : Ruth Moore Act of 2013. 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 mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 2/13/2013)

Related bills: S.294

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Latest Major Action: 6/6/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.679 : Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act. 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 2/13/2013)

Related bills: H.R.629

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/17/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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H.R.683 : Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act. A bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Adam [WA-9] (introduced 2/14/2013)

Related Bills: S.373, H.R.2529

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.685 : American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Sam [TX-3] (introduced 2/14/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.690 : 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: Rep Latham, Tom [IA-3] (introduced 2/14/2013)

Related Bills: S.240

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.738 : **Reserve Health Care Eligibility Age.** 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 2/14/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.741 : **Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services and benefits for certain new beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Rep Rogers, Mike D. [AL-3] (introduced 2/15/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.755 : **WWII Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

Sponsor: Rep McCaul, Michael T. [TX-10] (introduced 2/15/2013)

Related Bill: S.309

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: 2/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.834 : **Veterans' Efficiencies Through Savings Act of 2013.** 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 2/26/2013) Cosponsors (3)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.844 : **VetSuccess Enhancement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the eligibility period for veterans to enroll in certain vocational rehabilitation programs.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 2/26/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.883 : **Disabled Vet GI Bill Transfer.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit certain veterans who were discharged or released from the Armed Forces by reason of service-connected disability to transfer benefits under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Chaffetz, Jason [UT-3] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.894 : **VA Fiduciary Improvement.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.897 : **VA Homeless Vet Definition.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Hahn, Janice [CA-44] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Related Bills: S.297

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.902 : **Keep Our Commitment to Veterans Act.** A bill to authorize certain major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Related Bills: S.412

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.921 : **Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act.** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services.

Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Related Bills: S.422

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.958 : Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Larsen, Rick [WA-2] (introduced 3/5/2013) Related Bills: S.131
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Budget; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/14/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.966 : Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2013. A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Hanabusa, Colleen W. [HI-1] (introduced 3/5/2013) Related Bills: S.461
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 4/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security.

H.R.975 : Servicemember Mental Health Review Act. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the duration of the Physical Disability Board of Review and to the expand the authority of such Board to review of the separation of members of the Armed Forces on the basis of a mental condition not amounting to disability, including separation on the basis of a personality or adjustment disorder.
Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 3/5/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/26/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1131 : Disabled Vet Commissary & Exchange Privileges. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges, without time-period limitation, to members of the Armed Forces who are involuntarily separated with a service-connected disability and also to extend such privileges to their dependents.
Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-10] (introduced 3/13/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 3/26/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1132 : 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-10] (introduced 3/13/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1134 : **Vet Rural Health Care Improvement.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a grant program and pilot program designed to improve the delivery of health care to veterans residing in rural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Gallego, Pete P. [TX-23] (introduced 3/13/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1171 : **FOR VETS Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 3/14/2013)

Related Bills: S.573

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 113-26 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

H.R.1209 : **Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Congressional Gold Medal.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

Sponsor: Rep Olson, Pete [TX-22] (introduced 3/15/2013)

Related Bills: S.381

Committees: House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.1251 : **Veteran Excellence Through Education Act of 2013.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants with minority serving institutions for the purpose of establishing verified delivery systems to address social and academic problems facing veterans enrolled at such institutions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Negrete McLeod, Gloria [CA-35] (introduced 3/19/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.1284 : **VA Disabled Vet Beneficiary Travel Program.** 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: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 3/20/2013)

Related Bills: S.633

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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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 as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] (introduced 3/20/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/28/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1305 : HVRP Eligibility Clarification. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program.

Sponsor: Rep Wenstrup, Brad R. [OH-2] (introduced 3/20/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.1344 : Helping Heroes Fly Act. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Gabbard, Tulsi [HI-2] (introduced 3/21/2013)

Related Bills: S.1367, S.1403 H.R.1344

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 113-27 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

H.R.1357 : VOW to Hire Heroes Act Training Amendment. A bill to amend the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 to improve the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program by providing assistance under such program for certain training programs that are considered less than full-time.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 3/21/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.1360 : **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 3/21/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1372 : **VA Gagetown AO Registry.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 3/21/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.411

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1400 : **Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that children of certain veterans are eligible for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship.

Sponsor: Rep Young, C. W. Bill [FL-13] (introduced 3/21/2013)

Related Bills: S.515

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.1402 : **Veterans Paralympic Act of 2013.** 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 Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 3/25/2013)

Related Bills: S.695

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 113-59 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

H.R.1405 : **Denied Disability Claim Appeals Form.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 3/25/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/29/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1412 : **Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 4/9/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 113-37 [[GPO: Text](#), [PDF](#)]

H.R.1438 : **Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2013.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of certain medical expenses and other payments 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-20] (introduced 4/9/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/26/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1443 : **Tinnitus Research and Treatment Act of 2013.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize tinnitus as a mandatory condition for research and treatment by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 4/9/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/22/2013 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 175.

H.R.1452 : **Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2013.** 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-14] (introduced 4/9/2013)

Related Bills: S.690

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/26/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1453 : **Work-Study for Student Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority to provide work-study allowance for certain activities by individuals receiving educational assistance by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 4/9/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.1490 : Veterans' Privacy Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the recording of a patient in a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs without the informed consent of the patient.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 4/11/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/27/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.1494 : Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act. To direct the Secretary of Defense to review the operation of certain ships during the Vietnam Era, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Gibson, Christopher P. [NY-19] (introduced 4/11/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/23/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged. - 10/28/2013 Incorporated into H.R. 2189, the VA Disability Claims Backlog Commission bill which passed the House 404-1.

H.R.1497 : War Memorial Protection Act. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Hunter, Duncan D. [CA-50] (introduced 4/11/2013) Related Bills: S.705
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Latest Major Action: 7/8/2013 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 102.

H.R.1520 : POW/MIA Accounting and Recovery Support Act of 2013. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to allow civilian employees of the Department of Defense to delay furloughs until returning from a deployment in support of accounting and recovery efforts by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.
Sponsor: Rep Lynch, Stephen F. [MA-8] (introduced 4/12/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 4/23/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.1521 : Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act. A bill to provide for a five-year extension of the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of medical disability examinations by contract physicians.
Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Sean Patrick [NY-18] (introduced 4/12/2013) Related Bills: H.R.2079
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/26/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1598 : **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 Griffin, Tim [AR-2] (introduced 4/17/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/26/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

H.R.1631 : **Accessing Military Education Benefits Act.** A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that members of the Armed Forces serving in a combat zone automatically receive the education benefits to which they are entitled.

Sponsor: Rep Markey, Edward J. [MA-5] (introduced 4/18/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1702 : **Veterans Transportation Service Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care.

Sponsor: Rep Barber, Ron [AZ-2] (introduced 4/24/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1705 : **Rehabilitative Therapy Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain forms of physical therapy under the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Rep Burgess, Michael C. [TX-26] (introduced 4/24/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1714 : **Shelter Our Servicemembers Act .** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a grant pilot program to provide housing to elderly homeless veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Peters, Scott H. [CA-52] (introduced 4/24/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1725 : Veterans Mental Health Accessibility Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for unlimited eligibility for health care for mental illnesses for veterans of combat service during certain periods of hostilities and war.

Sponsor: Rep Cartwright, Matt [PA-17] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1739 : Veterans Backlog Reduction Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay provisional benefits for certain nonadjudicated claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Enyart, William L. [IL-12] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1742 : Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2013. A bill to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 10/29/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R.1759 : VA Timeliness Report to Congress. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on the timeliness in which the Department of Veterans Affairs receives certain information from other departments or agencies of the United States.

Sponsor: Rep Ruiz, Raul [CA-36] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/21/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1770 : Correct Reserve SBP Inequities. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the different treatment under the Survivor Benefit Plan accorded members of the reserve components who die from an injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during inactive-duty training compared to members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty while on active duty.

Sponsor: Rep Chaffetz, Jason [UT-3] (introduced 4/26/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1774 : **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 of employment for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment for certain injuries and illnesses, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-35] (introduced 4/26/2013) Cosponsors (14)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.1796 : **Troop Talent Act of 2013.** A bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Rep Duckworth, Tammy [IL-8] (introduced 4/26/2013) Related Bills: S.700

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1805 : **Veterans Claims Efficiency Through Automation Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on the automatic processing of claims for compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary.

Sponsor: Rep Kuster, Ann M. [NH-2] (introduced 4/26/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1809 : **VA Claim Processing Reporting.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep O'Rourke, Beto [TX-16] (introduced 4/26/2013)

Related Bills: S.1148

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/28/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1816 : **Veterans' STEM Education Program.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under the Post-9/11 GI Bill for veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.

Sponsor: Rep Veasey, Marc A. [TX-33] (introduced 4/26/2013)

Related Bills: S.514

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.1824 : **VA Regional Office Accountability Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on the performance of the regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Meng, Grace [NY-6] (introduced 4/30/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1832 : **Gold Star Fathers Act of 2013.** A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1] (introduced 5/6/2013)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.1840 : **Senior and Retired Volunteers Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from income and employment taxes real property tax abatements for seniors and disabled individuals in exchange for services.

Sponsor: Rep Tsongas, Niki [MA-3] (introduced 5/6/2013)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1855 : **Filipino Veterans Promise.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Hanabusa, Colleen W. [HI-1] (introduced 5/7/2013) Related Bills: S.868

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/20/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1885 : Veterans Home Loan Refinance Opportunity Act of 2013. 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. 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 5/8/2013) Cosponsors (4)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1936 : Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2013. 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 Hahn, Janice [CA-44] (introduced 5/9/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1957 : Volunteer Veterans for Cemetery Service Act. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept voluntary services from veterans and veterans service organizations at national cemeteries

Sponsor: Rep Perry, Scott [PA-4] (introduced 5/13/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/20/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.1960 : National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [CA-25] (by request) (introduced 5/14/2013) Related Bills:

H.RES.256, H.R.2303, S.1034, S.1197

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2013 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 126.

H.R.1969 : Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2013. A bill to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers.

Sponsor: Rep Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [PA-8] (introduced 5/14/2013)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

H.R.1971 : Keep Faith with TRICARE Prime Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime.

Sponsor: Rep Kline, John [MN-2] (introduced 5/14/2013)

Related Bills: S.1078

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/20/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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H.R.1980 : Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requesting additional medical examinations of veterans who have submitted sufficient medical evidence provided by non-Department medical professionals and to improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 5/14/2013) Related Bills: S.935

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1987 : Veterans' Dignity and Honor Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of benefits payable for the burial and funeral expenses of certain veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Sinema, Kyrsten [AZ-9] (introduced 5/15/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2001 : Veterans E-Health & Telemedicine Support Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans via telemedicine.

Sponsor: Rep Rangel, Charles B. [NY-13] (introduced 5/15/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2011 : **Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education.

Sponsor: Rep Delaney, John K. [MD-6] (introduced 5/16/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/29/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2018 : **Honor Those Who Served Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to identify the persons who are eligible to request headstones or markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and or other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Stivers, Steve [OH-15] (introduced 5/16/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2038 : **Disabled Veterans Nutrition Fairness Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to expand the eligibility of certain veterans while they have disability claims pending under title 38 of the United States Code.

Sponsor: Rep Speier, Jackie [CA-14] (introduced 5/16/2013)

Committees: House Agriculture

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition.

H.R.2039 : **Vet Headstones and Markers.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones and markers for certain deceased veterans buried in veterans' cemeteries of Indian tribes.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 5/16/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2056 : **Veteran Employment Transition Act.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and the Department of Defense, 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: Rep Schwartz, Allyson Y. [PA-13] (introduced 5/20/2013)

Related Bills: S.140

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Small Business; House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 5/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2063 : WWII Vet VA Health Care Improvement. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the health care provided to veterans of World War II at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 5/21/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2065 : Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require recipients of per diem payments from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McKinley, David B. [WV-1] (introduced 5/21/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.2072 : Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 5/21/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/16/2013 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 173.

H.R.2079 : Expediting Veteran's Benefits Act. A bill to provide for a three-year extension of the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of medical disability examinations by contract physicians.

Sponsor: Rep Radel, Trey [FL-19] (introduced 5/21/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1521

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2088 : Claims Adjudication Centers of Excellence. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to establish claims adjudication centers of excellence.

Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 5/22/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2119 : Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the opportunity for veterans to use video conferencing for hearings before the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

Sponsor: Rep Ruiz, Raul [CA-36] (introduced 5/22/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2138 : Resolve Backlog of VA Disability Claims. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to resolve the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Kevin [CA-23] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 11/6/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2150 : Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs.

Sponsor: Rep Cook, Paul [CA-8] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Related Bills: S.825

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

H.R.2153 : Department of Veterans Affairs Disease Reporting and Oversight Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the reporting of cases of infectious diseases at facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

Related Bills: S.875

Sponsor: Rep Doyle, Michael F. [PA-14] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

H.R.2157 : Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Platoon Member Burials. A bill to authorize the ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery of members of the United States Army who served honorably in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier platoon, Third Infantry Regiment (Old Guard), United States Army.

Sponsor: Rep Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [PA-8] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/29/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2187 : **SALUTE Act**. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize veterans' treatment courts and encourage services for veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Meehan, Patrick [PA-7] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 6/14/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

H.R.2189 : VA Disability Claims Backlog Commission. A bill to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/29/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Note: Incorporates H.R.1494 : Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act

H.R.2209 : **National Military Cemeteries Chain of Command**. A bill to establish a chain of command for Army National Military Cemeteries.

Sponsor: Rep Wittman, Robert J. [VA-1] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/29/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2210 : **Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship Improvements Act of 2013**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility of children of certain deceased veterans to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Young, C. W. Bill [FL-13] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.2216 : **Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014**. A bill for making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Rep Culberson, John Abney [TX-7] (introduced 5/28/2013) Related Bills: H.RES.243, H.R.4486

Committees: House Appropriations; Senate Appropriations

House Reports: 113-90

Latest Major Action: 6/27/2013 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 102.

H.R.2272 : Ready Reserves Active-duty Tracking System. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish an electronic means by which members of the Ready Reserves of the Armed Forces may track their active-duty service.

Sponsor: Rep McKinley, David B. [WV-1] (introduced 6/6/2013)

Latest Major Action: 8/29/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2284 : Pledge of Allegiance Hand Salute. 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 6/6/2013)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

H.R.2327 : Veterans Economic Opportunity Administration Act of 2013. A Bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Economic Opportunity Administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 6/12/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.2341 : Veterans Pension Protection Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rooney, Thomas J. [FL-17] (introduced 6/12/2013)

Related Bills: S.748

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/28/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2344 : **TBI Treatment Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program for investigational treatment of members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Sponsor: Rep Sessions, Pete [TX-32] (introduced 6/12/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 8/29/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2358 : **Preference for Local Veteran Contractors Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give preference to local contractors, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] (introduced 6/13/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/21/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.2366 : **World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

Sponsor: Rep Lamborn, Doug [CO-5] (introduced 6/13/2013)

Committees: House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 6/13/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.2382 : **Prioritizing Urgent Claims for Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a priority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in processing certain claims for compensation.

Sponsor: Rep Cook, Paul [CA-8] (introduced 6/14/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/1/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2412 : **Veterans Health Access Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the best interest of the veteran when determining whether the veteran should receive certain contracted health care.

Sponsor: Rep Barber, Ron [AZ-2] (introduced 6/18/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2423 : **Disabled Veterans' Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act.** A bill to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations.

Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 6/18/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/17/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.2485 : **Helping Homeless Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend programs assisting homeless veterans and other veterans with special needs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 6/25/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/1/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2519 : **Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 201.** A bill to direct the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance for individuals affected by exposure to Agent Orange, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-13] (introduced 6/26/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Energy and Commerce; House Foreign Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2527 : **Counseling/Treatment for Sexual Trauma Vets.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 6/26/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2528 : **VA Claim Processor Assessment Task Force.** To establish a task force in the Department of Veterans Affairs to assess the retention and training of claims processors.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 6/26/2013)

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

Latest Major Action: 7/12/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2529 : **Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to amend the definition of the term "spouse" to recognize new State definitions of such term for the purpose of the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 6/27/2013) Related Bills: H.R.683

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2540 : **Expedited Hiring for VA Trained Psychiatrists Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire psychiatrists.

Sponsor: Rep Cartwright, Matt [PA-17] (introduced 6/27/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/12/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2590 : **21st Century Health Care for Heroes Act.** A bill to amend the Wounded Warrior Act to establish a specific timeline for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to achieve integrated electronic health records, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Gibson, Christopher P. [NY-19] (introduced 6/28/2013) Related Bills: S.1296

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/29/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2654 : **Veterans and Servicemembers Employment Rights and Housing Act of 2013.** A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kilmer, Derek [WA-6] (introduced 7/11/2013)

Related Bills: S.1281

Committees: House Education and the Workforce; House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 9/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

H.R.2661 : **Veterans Access to Timely Medical Appointments Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a standardized scheduling policy for veterans enrolled in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Kevin [CA-23] (introduced 7/11/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2704 : **Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act of 2013.** A Bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 7/17/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/17/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2726 : **Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 7/18/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/19/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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H.R.2743 : **Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act.** A bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Nugent, Richard B. [FL-11] (introduced 7/18/2013)

Committees: House Natural Resources; House Agriculture

Latest Major Action: 8/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

H.R.2749 : **Veterans Education Transparency Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain records available to educational institutions where veterans or persons receiving educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary are enrolled, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Larsen, Rick [WA-2] (introduced 7/19/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.2785 : **Military Reserve Jobs Act.** A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the hiring of veterans by the Federal Government and State governments, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 7/22/2013)

Related Bills: S.1320

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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H.R.2797 : **Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-3] (introduced 7/23/2013)

Related Bills: S.62

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2841 : **Guard and Reserve Equal Access to Health Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Defense affords each member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces with the opportunity for a physical examination before the member separates from the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 7/25/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 7/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2847 : **Wounded Warrior Service Dog Act of 2013.** 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 McGovern, James P. [MA-2] (introduced 7/30/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/29/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

H.R.2882 : **Improving Opportunities for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Small Business Act and title 38, United States Code to provide for a consolidated definition of a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 7/31/2013) Related Bills: S.2334

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Small Business

Latest Major Action: 8/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.2906 : **Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013.** A bill to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [PA-8] (introduced 8/1/2013)
Committees: House Transportation and Infrastructure; House Small Business
Latest Major Action: 8/2/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

2907. H.R.2907 : **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 8/1/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 8/29/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.2913 : **Veterans' Local Access Act.** A bill to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 8/1/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Budget
Latest Major Action: 8/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2941 : **Tribal Lands Nursing Home Grants.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain grants to assist nursing homes for veterans located on tribal lands.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 8/1/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 8/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2953 : **Medicare VA Reimbursement Act of 2013.** A bill 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 Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 8/1/2013)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 8/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2974 : **VA Sexual Trauma Care Beneficiary Travel Pay.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility for beneficiary travel for veterans seeking treatment or care for military sexual trauma in specialized outpatient or residential programs at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walorski, Jackie [IN-2] (introduced 8/1/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3053 : **Healthcare for our Heroes Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professional Scholarship Program.

Sponsor: Rep Sinema, Kyrsten [AZ-9] (introduced 8/2/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/15/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3056 : **Warriors' Peer-Outreach Pilot Program Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the provision of outreach and support services to veterans pursuing higher education under the Post 9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 8/2/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3087 : **Veterans Affairs Employee Accountability Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the receipt of bonuses by Department of Veterans Affairs employees who violate Federal civil laws or regulations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Roe, David P. [TN-1] (introduced 9/12/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/12/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3098 : **Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences.

Sponsor: Rep McNerney, Jerry [CA-9] (introduced 9/12/2013)

Related Bills: S.430

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/12/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3152 : Pay Our Veterans and Seniors First Act. A bill to prohibit Members of Congress, the President, the Vice President, and the head of any Executive department from receiving pay for any period in which there is a Government shutdown and to provide for payments to seniors, military and veterans during a Government shutdown.

Sponsor: Rep Reed, Tom [NY-23] (introduced 9/19/2013)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Armed Services; House Administration; House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/6/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

H.R.3181 : Defending Veterans from Sequestration Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to clarify the treatment of administrative expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs during sequestration.

Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 9/25/2013)

Committees: House Budget

Latest Major Action: 9/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.

H.R.3207 : Benefits Fairness for Filipino Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the method of determining whether Filipino veterans are United States residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Gutierrez, Luis V. [IL-4] (introduced 9/27/2013) Related Bills: S.1559

Latest Major Action: 10/14/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3225 : Vet Benefit Appropriations During Shutdown. A bill to Make continuing appropriations for veterans benefits in the event of a Government shutdown.

Sponsor: Rep Salmon, Matt [AZ-5] (introduced 10/1/2013)

Committees: House Appropriations

Latest Major Action: 10/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.3230 : Pay Our Guard and Reserve Act. A bill to make continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period.

Sponsor: Rep Rogers, Harold [KY-5] (introduced 10/2/2013) Related Bills: H.RES.370, H.R.3214, S.2450
Committees: House Appropriations
Latest Major Action: 10/5/2013 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 206.

H.R.3241 : Pay our Guardsmen and Civilian Defense Personnel Act. A bill to amend the Pay Our Military Act to provide for continuing appropriations for defense civilian personnel (including military technicians (dual status)) and members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces performing inactive-duty training.

Sponsor: Rep Scott, Austin [GA-8] (introduced 10/3/2013) Related Bills: H.R.3210, H.R.3232, H.R.3246
Committees: House Appropriations
Latest Major Action: 10/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.3274 : Fallen Heroes and Families Assistance Act. A bill to amend the Pay Our Military Act to make appropriations available to continue the payment of a death gratuity and certain other death-related compensation in the event of the death of members of the Armed Forces and certain other persons who pass away during a Government shutdown.

Sponsor: Rep Barber, Ron [AZ-2] (introduced 10/8/2013) Related Bills: H.J.RES.91, H.R.3210
Committees: House Appropriations
Latest Major Action: 10/8/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.3287 : Veterans Services Support Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans service organizations with the same access to Department of Veterans Affairs facilities during the Government shutdown as such organizations had immediately prior to the shutdown, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McNerney, Jerry [CA-9] (introduced 10/11/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/11/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3289 : Military Death Benefits Payment During Shutdown. A bill to provide funds during the lapse of appropriations for the payment of military death gratuities and funeral and related transportation and housing expenses through the transfer of unobligated amounts in the Health Insurance Reform Implementation Fund.

Sponsor: Rep Kingston, Jack [GA-1] (introduced 10/11/2013)
Committees: House Energy and Commerce
Latest Major Action: 10/18/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3330 : Veterans' Independent Living Enhancement Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the limitation on the number of veterans authorized to be enrolled in programs of independent living services and assistance administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Lujan Grisham, Michelle [NM-1] (introduced 10/23/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3368 : 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 10/29/2013)
Committees: House Education and the Workforce
Latest Major Action: 10/29/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.3369 : Hmong Veterans' Service Recognition Act. A bill 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-16] (introduced 10/29/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/4/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3383 : Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program.
Sponsor: Rep Esty, Elizabeth H. [CT-5] (introduced 10/30/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/12/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3384 : Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans may attend pre-apprenticeship programs using certain educational assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Bentivolio, Kerry L. [MI-11] (introduced 10/30/2013)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/12/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

H.R.3387 : **Classified Veterans Access to Care Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the mental health treatment provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who served in classified missions.

Sponsor: Rep Sinema, Kyrsten [AZ-9] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/12/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3395 : **VOW to Hire Heroes Extension Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit for hiring veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 10/30/2013) Related Bills" S.1624

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3396 : **Veterans Health Care Stamp Act.** A bill to provide for the issuance of a Veterans Health Care Stamp.

Sponsor: Rep Burgess, Michael C. [TX-26] (introduced 10/30/2013)

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

Latest Major Action: 11/12/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3397 : **Unofficial Information Use Guidelines for Determining Vet Benefit Eligibility.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to develop guidelines regarding the use by the Secretaries of the military departments and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of unofficial sources of information to determine the eligibility of a member or former member of the Armed Forces for benefits and decorations when the member's service records are incomplete because of damage to the records, including records damaged by a 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sponsor: Rep Capps, Lois [CA-24] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/12/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3399 : **Veterans Education Counseling Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain clarifications and improvements in the academic and vocational counseling programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Chu, Judy [CA-27] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/12/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3405 : **United We Stand to Hire Veterans Act.** A bill to better connect current and former members of the Armed Forces with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government Internet websites into a single portal, to conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-10] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Related Bills: S.1637

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Referred to House Veterans' Affairs

H.R.3408 : **Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights.** 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 Ellmers, Renee L. [NC-2] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/18/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3422 : **Veterans Homebuyer Accessibility Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for veteran first-time homebuyers and for adaptive housing and mobility improvements for disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Langevin, James R. [RI-2] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3441 : **Spouses of Heroes Education Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/12/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3442 : **VA Grant Eligibles.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible non-profit entities to establish clearinghouses for local information about employment opportunities and services for veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/18/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3443 : Streamlining Support for Veterans and Military Caregivers Act. A bill to amend titles 38 and 37, United States Code, to expand eligibility for certain caregiver services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to modify the Department of Defense special compensation program to make eligible members of the uniformed services with serious injuries or illnesses and to exempt payments of such compensation from taxation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 10/30/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/18/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3451 — Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2013. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Garcia, Joe [D-FL-26] (Introduced 11/12/2013)

Latest Action: 12/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.

H.R.3453 — Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013. A bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Horsford, Steven A. [D-NV-4] (Introduced 11/12/2013)

Latest Action: 12/13/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.

H.R.3469 — SERV Act. A bill to amend titles 5 and 38, United States Code, to clarify the veteran status of an individual based on the attendance of the individual at a preparatory school of a service academy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49] (Introduced 11/13/2013)

Latest Action: 11/18/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3474 — Hire More Heroes Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13] (Introduced 11/13/2013) Related Bills: S.2190

Latest Action: 11/13/2013 Referred to House Ways and Means

H.R.3477 — **Veterans Legal Support Act of 2013.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] (Introduced 11/13/2013)

Latest Action: 11/18/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3493 — **Servicemembers Transition Improvement Act of 2013.** A bill to require a pilot program on the provision of certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian life.

Sponsor: Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7] (Introduced 11/14/2013)

Latest Action: 11/14/2013 Referred to House Armed Services

H.R.3499 — **Rural Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act.** A bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1] (Introduced 11/14/2013)

Latest Action: 11/25/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3506 — **Honor Our Fallen Heroes With Dignity Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Army to permit visitors to leave appropriate items on gravesites and markers located in section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7] (Introduced 11/15/2013)

Latest Action: 11/25/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

H.R.3507 — **21st Century Care for Military and Veterans Act.** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand the use of telehealth under the TRICARE program and in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52] (Introduced 11/15/2013)

Latest Action: 11/25/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3514 — **Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Enhancement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of veterans to transfer entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to dependents.

Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7] (Introduced 11/15/2013)

Latest Action: 11/25/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3515 — **Increased Age Limit for Post-9/11 Education Assistance Dependents Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the age limit for children using transferred Post-9/11 Educational Assistance.

Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7] (Introduced 11/15/2013)

Latest Action: 11/25/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3516 — **Veterans and Armed Forces Health Promotion Act of 2013.** A bill to improve health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense by increasing access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13] (Introduced 11/15/2013)

Latest Action: 11/25/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3521 — **Department of Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Lease Authorization Act of 2013.** A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1] (Introduced 11/18/2013)

Latest Action: 12/20/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3554 — **Veterans Access to Care Act.** A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1] (Introduced 11/20/2013)

Latest Action: 11/20/2013 Referred to House Energy and Commerce

H.R.3569 — **Protecting the Freedoms and Benefits for All Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

Sponsor: Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1] (Introduced 11/20/2013)

Latest Action: 12/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3600 — **GI Education Benefit Fairness Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for clarification regarding the children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

Sponsor: Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11] (Introduced 11/21/2013)

Latest Action: 12/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3615 — **Careers for Heroes Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the hiring of veterans by the Federal Government.

Sponsor: Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8] (Introduced 11/21/2013)

Latest Action: 12/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3647 : **Vet Guide Dog Improvement.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of guide dogs to veterans blinded by a service-connected injury.

Sponsor: Rep Amodei, Mark E. [NV-2] (introduced 12/4/2013)

Latest Major Action: 12/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3648 : **Hire A Hero Act of 2013.** 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: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 12/4/2013)

Latest Major Action: 12/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3649 : **Jobs for Heroes Act.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit for hiring individuals who are veterans or members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, to make permanent the work opportunity credit, and to expand and make permanent the employer wage credit for employees who are active duty members of the uniformed services.

Sponsor: Rep Bustos, Cheri [IL-17] (introduced 12/4/2013)

Latest Major Action: 12/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3653 : **Jobs for Veterans Act of 2013.** 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-2] (introduced 12/4/2013)

Latest Major Action: 12/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3672 : **S.O.S. Veterans Caregivers Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that caregivers for veterans with serious illnesses are eligible for assistance and support services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Ruiz, Raul [CA-36] (introduced 12/5/2013)

Latest Major Action: 12/16/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3714 : **Servicemembers and Veterans Prescription Drug Safety Act of 2013.** A bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Cartwright, Matt [PA-17] (introduced 12/12/2013)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Armed Services; House Judiciary; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3725 : **Veterans Entrepreneurs Act of 2013.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the establishment of franchises with veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17] (introduced 12/12/2013)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 12/12/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3775 : **Military SAVE Act.** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are victims of military sexual assault.

Sponsor: Rep Barr, Andy [KY-6] (introduced 12/16/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/16/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3787 : **Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62.** A Bill to repeal of annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lankford, James [OK-5] (introduced 12/19/2013)

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

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, House Administration, and

Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3788 : Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62. A bill to repeal the reductions in military retirement benefits made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and to require inclusion of the taxpayer's social security number to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit.
Sponsor: Rep Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [PA-8] (introduced 12/19/2013)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3789 : Exempt 2016 COLA Reduction for Retired Disabled Vets. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to exempt the retired pay of certain disabled veterans from the reduced adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, to prevent any adverse impact of the reduced adjustment on annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan based on retired or retainer pay, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 12/19/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.3790 : Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62. A bill to repeal of annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 12/19/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.3792 : Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62. A bill to repeal the reduction in the annual percentage increases of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62.
Sponsor: Rep Wittman, Robert J. [VA-1] (introduced 12/19/2013)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.3793 : **Military Retirement Restoration Act.** A bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

Sponsor: Rep Maffei, Daniel B. [NY-24] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3794 : **Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62.** A bill to repeal the annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Appropriations

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3797 : **Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62.** A bill to repeal an annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep DesJarlais, Scott [TN-4] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.3798 : **Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62.** A bill to repeal an annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep DesJarlais, Scott [TN-4] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3801 : **Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62.** A bill to repeal the reductions in military retirement benefits made by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and to authorize the United States Postal Service to implement a modified Saturday delivery schedule.

Sponsor: Rep Issa, Darrell E. [CA-49] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 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.

H.R.3807 : Uphold Our Promise to Veterans Act. A bill to repeal the annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 12/23/2013). Related Bills: H.R.1017, H.R.3792, H.R.3794, H.R.3797, H.R.3798, H.R.3808, S.1856, S.1869, S.1872, S.1880

Committees: House Armed Services; House Foreign Affairs; House Natural Resources; House Agriculture
Latest Major Action: 1/7/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

H.R.3808 : Military Disability Retiree & SBP Annuitant Exclusion to COLA Adjustment. To provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.

Sponsor: Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] (introduced 12/23/2013) Related Bills: H.R.3792, H.R.3794, H.R.3797, H.R.3798, H.R.3804, H.R.3807, S.1872, S.1880

Committees: House Armed Services; House Budget

Latest Major Action: 12/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3810 : Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial Preservation Act. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, California.

Sponsor: Rep Hunter, Duncan D. [CA-50] (introduced 1/3/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3831 : Veterans Dialysis Pilot Program Review Act of 2014. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the dialysis pilot program implemented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and submit a report to Congress before expanding that program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Roe, David P. [TN-1] (introduced 1/9/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3843 : **Veteran Tax Parity Act.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income discharges of Federal student loans as a result of veterans' service-connected total disability that is permanent in nature.

Sponsor: Rep Grayson, Alan [FL-9] (introduced 1/10/2014)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 1/10/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3858 : **Veteran-Centered Access to Coordinated Health Care Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with health care providers to improve health care access and care coordination for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kinzinger, Adam [IL-16] (introduced 1/13/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3876 : **Burial with Dignity for Heroes Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a grant program to provide burials for homeless veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 1/14/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3958 : **Healing Our Heroes Act.** A bill to provide for a one-year extension of the Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

Sponsor: Rep Broun, Paul C. [GA-10] (introduced 1/29/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.3974 : **Tricare Young Adult Program Improvement.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the TRICARE Program for adult children of members and former members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Graves, Sam [MO-6] (introduced 1/29/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/29/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.3976 : **Wounded Veterans Recreation Act.** A bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Ruiz, Raul [CA-36] (introduced 1/29/2014)

Committees: House Natural Resources; House Agriculture

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

H.R.4004 : **VAMC West Los Angeles Lease Authorization.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for certain buildings of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, California.

Sponsor: Rep Waxman, Henry A. [CA-33] (introduced 2/5/2014) Related Bills: S.1987

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4037 : **Improving Veterans' Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Act of 2014.**

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 training and rehabilitation for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17] (introduced 2/11/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4038 : **Veterans Benefits Administration Information Technology Improvement Act of 2014 .** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain improvements in the information technology of the Veterans Benefits Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs to process claims more efficiently, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17] (introduced 2/11/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4053 : **VA Timely Mammogram Results Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish standards for the provision of mammograms at health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Negrete McLeod, Gloria [CA-35] (introduced 2/11/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/11/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4068 : SCRA Rights Protection Act of 2014. A bill to to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [NC-3] (introduced 2/18/2014) Related Bills: S.1999

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/24/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.4095 : Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2014, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 2/26/2014) Related Bills: H.R.569, H.R.570, H.R.4096, S.893, S.2258

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/7/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4096 : American Heroes COLA Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 2/26/2014) Related Bills: H.R.569, H.R.570, H.R.4095, S.893, S.2258

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/7/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4102 : Deceased Vet Estate Benefit Entitlements. To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/26/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/7/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4110 : **Helping to Encourage Real Opportunity for Veterans Transitioning from Battlespace to Workplace Act of 2014.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to encourage private employers to hire veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the reasonable efforts an employer may make under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act with respect to hiring veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila [TX-18] (introduced 2/27/2014)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/7/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.4140 : **Homeless Veterans with Children Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide per diem payments to eligible entities for furnishing care to dependents of certain homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Negrete McLeod, Gloria [CA-35] (introduced 3/4/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/7/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4147 : **Student Veterans IT Upgrade Act.** A bill to direct the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity to submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of representatives a report regarding the information technology of the Department that is used in administering the educational benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 3/4/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4149 : **Help Hire our Heroes Act.** A bill to amend the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 to extend the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 3/5/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4150 : Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to enter into a contract for the conduct of a longitudinal study of the job counseling, training, and placement services for veterans provided by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Cook, Paul [CA-8] (introduced 3/5/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4151 : Veterans Education Survey Act of 2014. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract with a non-government entity to conduct a survey of individuals who have use or are using their entitlement to educational assistance under the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 3/5/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4175 : Victory for Veterans Stamp Act of 2014. A bill to provide for the issuance of a Victory for Veterans stamp, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Larson, John B. [CT-1] (introduced 3/6/2014)

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

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4184 : VA Educational Assistance Advance Payments. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the manner in which an advance payment of initial educational assistance paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is charged against the entitlement of a veteran to such assistance.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 3/6/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4191 : Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical

professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 3/11/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4198 : Appropriate Care for Disabled Veterans Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate the requirement for an annual report on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-10] (introduced 3/11/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4217 : Military Commissary Sustainment Act. A bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

Sponsor: Rep Forbes, J. Randy [VA-4] (introduced 3/12/2014) Related Bills: S.2015

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/12/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4232 : Veterans Higher Education Opportunity Act. A bill to clarify the cancellation of loans of members of the Armed Forces under the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

Sponsor: Rep Gabbard, Tulsi [HI-2] (introduced 3/13/2014)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.4234 : Ensuring Veterans' Resiliency Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to reduce the shortage of psychiatrists in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs by offering competitive employment incentives to certain psychiatrists, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bucshon, Larry [IN-8] (introduced 3/13/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/24/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4247 : **Disabled Veterans Jobs Opportunity Act.** A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that disabled veterans with a disability rating greater than or equal to 70 percent receive preference with respect to employment in the competitive service, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Ruiz, Raul [CA-36] (introduced 3/13/2014)
Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 3/13/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.4248 : **Veterans Education Outcomes Act.** A bill to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information with respect to the completion rates, employment rates, and retention rates of recipients of GI Bill funding.
Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 3/13/2014)
Committees: House Education and the Workforce
Latest Major Action: 3/13/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.4261 : **Gulf War Health Research Reform Act of 2014.** A bill to improve the research of Gulf War Illness, the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 3/14/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/24/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4274 : **Honoring the Families of Fallen Soldiers Act Funding.** A bill to amend the Honoring the Families of Fallen Soldiers Act to provide a permanent appropriation of funds for the payment of death gratuities for survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services in event of any future period of lapsed appropriations.
Sponsor: Rep Barber, Ron [AZ-2] (introduced 3/18/2014) Related Bills: H.R.3352
Committees: House Appropriations
Latest Major Action: 3/18/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.4276 : **Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to amend the Honoring the Families of Fallen Soldiers Act to provide a permanent appropriation of funds for the payment of death gratuities for survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services in event of any future period of lapsed appropriations.
Sponsor: Rep Cassidy, Bill [LA-6] (introduced 3/18/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/24/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4314 : **Disabled Vet Student Loan Repayment Program.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a student loan repayment program for totally disabled veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Ribble, Reid J. [WI-8] (introduced 3/26/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4335 : **Veteran Families Fairness Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, to ensure that substituted claims are processed timely, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Maffei, Daniel B. [NY-24] (introduced 3/27/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4344 : **Military Sexual Trauma Claims Administration Reform and Eligibility Act** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection for mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 3/27/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4356 : **Department of Veterans Affairs Information Security Protection Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the information security of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 4/1/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

H.R.4359 : **Honor 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 Maloney, Sean Patrick [NY-18] (introduced 4/1/2014) Related Bills: H.R.2310

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/11/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.4363 : **Work for Warriors Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a direct employment pilot program for members of the National Guard and Reserve, to be known as the "Work for Warriors Program", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 4/1/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/1/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4370 : **Veterans Information Security Improvement Act.** A bill to improve the information security of the Department of Veterans Affairs by directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain actions to improve the transparency and the governance of the information security program of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walorski, Jackie [IN-2] (introduced 4/2/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

H.R.4394 : **Serve Our Heroes Now Act.** A bill to prohibit the awarding of contracts to contractors responsible for delayed openings of Veterans Affairs facilities.

Sponsor: Rep Grayson, Alan [FL-9] (introduced 4/3/2014)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 4/3/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.4399 : **Comprehensive Department of Veterans Affairs Performance Management and Accountability Reform Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the performance appraisal system for senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] (introduced 4/4/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/11/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.4422 : **Veterans' Job Corps Act.** A bill to authorize the President to establish the Veterans' Job Corps as a means of providing gainful employment to unemployed veterans and widows of veterans through the performance of useful public works, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 4/8/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4446 : **Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2014.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Shuster, Bill [PA-9] (introduced 4/10/2014) Cosponsors (6)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/10/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4486 : **Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.** A bill to make appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Culberson, John Abney [TX-7] (introduced 4/17/2014) Related Bills: H.RES.557, H.R.2216

Committees: House Appropriations; Senate Appropriations

House Reports: 113-416

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.4489 : **World War I Memorial Act of 2014.** A bill to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Cleaver, Emanuel [MO-5] (introduced 4/28/2014) Related Bills: S.2264

Committees: House Natural Resources; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

H.R.4492 : **TRICARE Moms Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the availability of breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling under the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Rep Capps, Lois [CA-24] (introduced 4/28/2014) Related Bills: S.1994

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4561 : **Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to specify requirements for the next update of the current strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas.
Sponsor: Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1] (introduced 5/1/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/9/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.4580 : **Improving Clinical Care Workforce for Our Vets Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration.
Sponsor: Rep Schiff, Adam B. [CA-28] (introduced 5/6/2014) Related Bills: S.1556
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/6/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4616 : **Express Appeals Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide veterans the option of using an alternative appeals process to more quickly determine claims for disability compensation.
Sponsor: Rep O'Rourke, Beto [TX-16] (introduced 5/8/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/8/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4629 : **Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act.** A bill to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in manufacturing positions.
Sponsor: Rep DelBene, Suzan K. [WA-1] (introduced 5/9/2014)
Committees: House Education and the Workforce
Latest Major Action: 5/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.4630 : **Caring for Military Children with Developmental Disabilities Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Larson, John B. [CT-1] (introduced 5/9/2014)
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4656 : **Caring for America's Heroes Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.
Sponsor: Rep Gardner, Cory [CO-4] (introduced 5/13/2014) Related Bills: S.2266
Committees: House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 5/13/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4674 : **Guarantee Housing for Terminally Ill Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the specially adapted housing assistance program for individuals with terminal illnesses, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 5/19/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/19/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4682 : **Veterans TRICARE Choice Act.** A bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account.

Sponsor: Rep Stewart, Chris [UT-2] (introduced 5/20/2014)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/20/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4688 : **Gold Star Families Equality Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide appropriate recognition for the survivors of members of the Armed Forces who die while serving on certain active or reserve duty, to expand the availability of the Gold Star Installation Access Card for survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces, and to extend commissary store and exchange store and other MWR retail facility benefits to the parents of such members.

Sponsor: Rep Keating, William R. [MA-9] (introduced 5/20/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/20/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4720 : **Medal of Honor Priority Care Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the priority for enrollment of medal of honor recipients in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Walberg, Tim [MI-7] (introduced 5/22/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/22/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4725 : **Care for our Heroes Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that all veterans are eligible to participate in hospice care programs of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Collins, Chris [NY-27] (introduced 5/22/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/22/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4741 : **Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Tierney, John F. [MA-6] (introduced 5/22/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/22/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4759 : **VA non-Department Health Care Pilot Program.** A bill too direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which eligible veterans may elect to receive hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep LoBiondo, Frank A. [NJ-2] (introduced 5/29/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/29/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4760 : **Veterans' Health Care Flexibility Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of veterans to receive health care at private medical facilities.

Sponsor: Rep Ribble, Reid J. [WI-8] (introduced 5/29/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/29/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4766 : **VA Bonus Suspension Until Claim Backlog Eliminated.** A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from paying bonuses to certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs until the backlog of disability claims is resolved, to establish a commission to evaluate such backlog, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Gardner, Cory [CO-4] (introduced 5/29/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/29/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4769 : **Veterans Involved in Police Services Act of 2014.** A bill to amend part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize grant funds to be used for the Troops-to-Cops Program.

Sponsor: Rep McNerney, Jerry [CA-9] (introduced 5/29/2014)

Committees: House Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 5/29/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.4774 : **Veterans' Health Accountability Act.** A bill to require accountability in the Veterans Health Administration.

Sponsor: Rep Stockman, Steve [TX-36] (introduced 5/29/2014) Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/29/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4778 : Atomic Veterans Service Medal Act. A bill to authorize the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of participation in the testing of nuclear weapons or under other circumstances.

Sponsor: Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-2] (introduced 5/30/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/30/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4779 : Veterans Need Timely Access to Care Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans who experience extended waiting times for appointments at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs may receive care at non-Department facilities.

Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-10] (introduced 5/30/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/30/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4793 : Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher learning as part of the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Patrick [FL-18] (introduced 5/30/2014) Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/30/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4807 : Cold War Service Medal Act of 2014. 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-3] (introduced 6/5/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/5/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4810 : Veteran Access to Care Act of 2014. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for the provision of hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for Department of Veterans Affairs patients with extended waiting times for appointments at Department facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 6/9/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4812 : **Honor Flight Act.** A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Richmond, Cedric L. [LA-2] (introduced 6/9/2014)

Committees: House Homeland Security

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2014 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

H.R.4816 : **Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2014.** A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to provide certain services to those descendants, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-17] (introduced 6/9/2014) Related Bills: S.1602

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4841 : **Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014.** A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 6/11/2014) Related Bills: S.2450

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Budget

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4861 : **Commission for Our Veterans' Care Act.** A bill to establish the Commission on Access to Care to undertake a comprehensive evaluation and assessment of access to health care at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Denny [WA-10] (introduced 6/12/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4862. H.R.4862 : **Our Vets Deserve Better Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to meet with certain advisory committees to receive administrative and policy recommendations to improve the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Denny [WA-10] (introduced 6/12/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4863. H.R.4863 : **National Guard and Reserve Equal Access to Legal Services Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide certain members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are victims of sex-related offenses with access to a special victims' counsel.

Sponsor: Rep Kline, John [MN-2] (introduced 6/12/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4875 : **Equalizing Transparency for Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish information on the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 6/17/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/17/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4887 : **Expanding Care for Veterans Act.** A bill to expand the research and education on and delivery of complementary and alternative medicine to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 6/18/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4892 : **Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Langevin, James R. [RI-2] (introduced 6/18/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Ways and Means; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.4898 : **Access to Veteran-Centered Community Care Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide hospital care and medical services in non-Department facilities for veterans waiting longer than 14 days for an appointment in a Department facility, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Sinema, Kyrsten [AZ-9] (introduced 6/18/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4900 : **Helping Veterans Save for Health Care Act of 2014.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving medical care for service-connected disabilities under programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Sam [TX-3] (introduced 6/19/2014)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 6/19/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.4922 : **GI Internship Program Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize veterans who are entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to use such entitlement to participate in a career transition internship program for veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Schneider, Bradley S. [IL-10] (introduced 6/20/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/20/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4971 : **Ask Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences obtaining hospital care and medical services from medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep O'Rourke, Beto [TX-16] (introduced 6/25/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/25/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.4977 : **COVER Act.** A bill to establish a commission to examine the evidence-based therapy treatment model used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for treating mental illnesses of veterans and the potential benefits of incorporating complimentary alternative treatments available in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities within the community.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 6/26/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5007 : **Restoring Accountability in Veterans Access to Health Care Act.** A bill to assess staffing shortages at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Ruiz, Raul [CA-36] (introduced 6/26/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5009 : **Military Separation Pay Fairness Act of 2014.** A bill to require the payment of the full amount of separation pay otherwise due to former members of the Armed Forces who were separated under the former Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy of the Department of Defense and were only paid a portion of the full amount.

Sponsor: Rep Speier, Jackie [CA-14] (introduced 6/26/2014)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.5022 : **Enhanced Dental Care for Veterans Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Vargas, Juan [CA-51] (introduced 7/8/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5032 : **Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Sean Patrick [NY-18] (introduced 7/9/2014) Related Bills: S.1586

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5042 : **Jumpstart VA Construction Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary enters into partnership agreements with non-Federal entities for the construction of major medical facility projects.

Sponsor: Rep McNerney, Jerry [CA-9] (introduced 7/9/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5045 : **Veterans Small Business Support Act.** A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.
Sponsor: Rep Peters, Gary C. [MI-14] (introduced 7/9/2014)
Committees: House Small Business
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R.5047 : **Continuing Care for Veterans Act of 2014.** A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from altering available health care and wait times for appointments for health care for certain veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Peters, Gary C. [MI-14] (introduced 7/9/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5048 : **Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act.** To expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Peters, Gary C. [MI-14] (introduced 7/9/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 7/9/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.5054 : **Veterans' Whistleblower and Patient Protection Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of Whistleblower and Patient Protection.
Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 7/10/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/10/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5059 : **Clay Hunt SAV Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 7/10/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 7/10/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.5088 : **Responsive and Efficient Appeals Courts for Heroes Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish procedures for class actions at the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Patrick [FL-18] (introduced 7/11/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/11/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5094 : **Recoup VA Bonus Authorization.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup certain bonuses or awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 7/14/2014)

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

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.5097 : **Local Care for Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow certain veterans to participate in the Patient-Centered Community Care program.

Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 7/14/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2014 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.5112 : **Vietnam Era SE Asia Merchant Marine VA Eligibility.** A bill to provide eligibility for veterans benefits for individuals who served in the United States merchant marine in the Southeast Asia theater of operations during the Vietnam Era.

Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2] (introduced 7/15/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5115 : **Rural Veteran Access to Care Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep McAllister, Vance M. [LA-5] (introduced 7/15/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

H.R.5131 : **ACT Now for Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical providers for the provision of certain hospital care and medical services to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Gabbard, Tulsi [HI-2] (introduced 7/17/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

H.R.5157 : **Vet Education Program Requirements VA Waiver Authorization.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive certain requirements relating to the approval of programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 7/17/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

H.R.5172 : **POW Accountability Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the list of veterans designated as former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 7/23/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

H.R.5193 : **Veterans' Credit Protection Act.** A bill too direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of delayed payments by the Veterans Integrated Service Networks and to direct the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report regarding such delayed payments.

Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 7/24/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

H.R.5224 : **RDOCS-VA [Restoring the Doctors of Our Country through Scholarships Veterans Affairs] Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a scholarship program to increase the availability of physicians who provide primary health care services at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7] (Introduced 07/28/2014)
Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs
Latest Action: 07/28/2014 Referred to House Veterans' Affairs

H.R.5231 — **Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act of 2014.** A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.
Sponsor: Rep. Bentivolio, Kerry L. [R-MI-11] (Introduced 07/29/2014)
Committees: House - Small Business
Latest Action: 07/29/2014 Referred to House Small Business

H.R.5254 : **Stop Wasteful Bonuses in Department of Veterans Affairs Act of 2014.** A bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees.
Sponsor: Rep Sinema, Kyrsten [AZ-9] (introduced 7/29/2014)
Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.5273 : **Post-9/11 Veterans Education Fairness Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of veterans to transfer entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to dependents.
Sponsor: Rep Barber, Ron [AZ-2] (introduced 7/30/2014) \\
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5286 : **Veterans Equitable Treatment Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a more equitable geographic allocation of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical care.
Sponsor: Rep Larson, John B. [CT-1] (introduced 7/30/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5323 : **Medical Leave for Veterans Act of 2014.** A bill to provide leave to certain new employees who are veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] (introduced 7/31/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5333 : **Expanding Access for Veterans' Service Animals Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that a service animal of a patient receiving inpatient medical care at a medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs is able to access the room of the patient.

Sponsor: Rep Daines, Steve [MT] (introduced 7/31/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5342 : **VA Credentialing and Privileging Improvement Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expeditiously grant privileges to members of the Armed Forces who are health care providers to provide hospital care and medical services in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 7/31/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5349 : **VA Appeals Backlog Relief Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a deadline for the certification of certain forms by regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 7/31/2014)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5351 : **Veterans Air Travel Streamlining Act of 2014.** A bill to waive the application fee for veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 50 percent or more who apply to participate in the Transportation Security Administration's Pre-Check program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 7/31/2014)

Committees: House Homeland Security; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.5369 : **Veterans Dignified Burial Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is informed of the interment of deceased veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Royce, Edward R. [CA-39] (introduced 7/31/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.5375 : Servicemembers Access to Justice Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Schwartz, Allyson Y. [PA-13] (introduced 7/31/2014)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and 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.

**** Union Calendar:** A separate calendar in the United States House of Representatives that schedules bills involving money issues. It arose from the requirement in Article One of the United States Constitution that all revenue bills originate in the House of Representatives. To meet that requirement, Rule XIII.



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Senate Bills

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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.

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3. Bills that have passed both chambers of Congress and been signed into law are highlighted in Blue.

4. Bills that the RAO considers to have the highest priority are highlighted in Yellow.

5. Bill numbers that have been incorporated in other bills are highlighted in Gray.

6. Bill numbers and titles in violet (if any) are new additions to this summary.

S.6 : Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013. A bill to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/24/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.49 : Veterans Health Equity Act of 2013. 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 1/22/2013) Related Bills: H.R.257

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.59 : Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act. A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 6/27/2013 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 104.

S.62 : Check the Box for Homeless Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 1/22/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.140 : **Vet Work Opportunity Credit.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense, 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. Related Bills: H.R.2056

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 1/24/2013)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 1/24/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.210 : **Stolen Valor Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 2/4/2013) Related Bills: H.R.258

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Note: For further action, see [H.R.258](#) , which became Public Law 113-12 on 6/3/2013.

S.234 : **Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2013.** 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 2/7/2013) Related Bills: H.R.303

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.240 : **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 2/7/2013) Cosponsors (13)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.262 : **Veterans Education Equity Act of 2013.** 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: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 2/7/2013) Related Bills: HR.595

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.287 : **Homeless Vet Definition.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 2/12/2013) Related bills: H.R.897

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/18/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

S.294 : **Ruth Moore Act of 2013.** 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 mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 2/13/2013) Related Bills: H.R.671

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.309 : **WWII Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

Sponsor: Sen Harkin, Tom [IA] (introduced 2/13/2013) Related Bills: H.R.755

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2013 Held at the desk.

S.325 : **CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 2/14/2013)

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.346 : Space A Travel for 100% Disabled Vets. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent 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 entitled to such travel.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 2/14/2013) Related Bills: H.R.164

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.373 : Charlie Morgan Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act of 2013. A bill to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 2/14/2013) Related Bills: H.R.683

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/24/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.381 : Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Congressional Gold Medal. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 2/26/2013)

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/20/2013 Held at the desk.

S.409 : Vietnam Veterans Day Observance. A bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.412 : Keep Our Commitment to Veterans Act. A bill to authorize certain major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Landrieu, Mary L. [LA] (introduced 2/28/2013) Related bills: H.R.902

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.422 : Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 2/28/2013)

Related bills: H.R.921

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.455 : VA Transport of Vets for Treatment. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/5/2013) Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.461 : Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2013. 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 Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 3/5/2013) Related bills: H.R.966

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.492 : Vet State Licenses and Credentials. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/7/2013)

Related bills: S.495

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.495 : Careers for Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/7/2013)

Related bills: S.430, S.492

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.514 : Post 911 Vet Educational Assistance. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or an area that leads to employment in a high-demand occupation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 3/11/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1816

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.515 : Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 3/11/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1400

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.522 : Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 3/11/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.543 : VISN Reorganization Act of 2013. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/13/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.572 : Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/14/2013)

Related bills: H.R.577, H.R.602

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/4/2013 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 164.

S.629 : **Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act of 2013.** 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 3/20/2013)

Related bills: H.R.679

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.633 : **VA Disabled Vet Beneficiary Travel Program.** 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 in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/21/2013)

Related bills: H.R.1284

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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S.674 : **Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 4/9/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.690 : **Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2013.** 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: Sen Schatz, Brian [HI] (introduced 4/9/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1452

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.695 : **Veterans Paralympic Act of 2013.** 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., and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Boozman, John [AR] (introduced 4/10/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1402

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.700 : **Troop Talent Act of 2013.** A bill to ensure that the education and training provided members of the Armed Forces and veterans better assists members and veterans in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Kaine, Tim [VA] (introduced 4/10/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1796

Latest Major Action: 4/10/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.705 : **War Memorial Protection Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 4/11/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1497

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.734 : **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 by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 4/16/2013)

Related Bill.: H.R.32

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/16/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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S.735 : **Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and assistance provided to surviving spouses of veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 4/16/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.748 : Veterans Pension Protection Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 4/17/2013) Related Bills: H.R.2341

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.778 : Veterans ID Card. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue cards to veterans that identify them as veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 4/23/2013) Related Bills: H.R.1598

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.784 : Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Act. A bill to expand agricultural opportunities for military veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 4/23/2013) Related Bills: S.954

Committees: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.819 : Veterans Mental Health Treatment First Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a program of mental health care and rehabilitation for veterans for service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or a related substance use disorder, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.825 : Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 4/25/2013) Related Bills: H.R.2150

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.832 : **Improving the Lives of Children with Spina Bifida Act of 2013.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out pilot programs on furnishing case management services and assisted living to children of Vietnam veterans and certain Korea service veterans born with spina bifida and children of women Vietnam veterans born with certain birth defects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Donnelly, Joe [IN] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.851 : **Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/17/2013 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 186.

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S.852 : **Veterans' Health Promotion Act of 2013.** A bill to improve health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs by increasing access to complementary and alternative medicine and other approaches to wellness and preventive care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 4/25/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.863 : **Veterans Back to School Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal time limitations on the eligibility for use of educational assistance under All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, to improve veterans education outreach, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 5/6/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.868 : Filipino Veterans Promise Act. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 5/7/2013) Related Bills: H.R.1855

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.875 : Department of Veterans Affairs Disease Reporting and Oversight Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the reporting of cases of infectious diseases at facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes. Related Bills: H.R.2153

Sponsor: Sen Casey, Robert P., Jr. [PA] (introduced 5/7/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.877 : Veterans Affairs Research Transparency Act of 2013. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow public access to research of the Department, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 5/7/2013) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.889 : Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Boozman, John [AR] (introduced 5/7/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.631

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.893 : Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, 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 Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 5/8/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.569, H.R.570, S.2258

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 113-52 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

S.894 : **VA Work Study Allowances.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend expiring authority for work-study allowances for individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand such authority to certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 5/8/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.922 : **Veterans Equipped for Success Act of 2013.** A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program on providing wage subsidies to employers who employ certain veterans and members of the Armed Forces and require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on providing career transition services to young veterans, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 5/9/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.927 : **Veterans' Outreach Act of 2013.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project to assess the feasibility and advisability of using State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of benefits and services for veterans and to improve coordination of outreach activities relating to such benefits and services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 5/9/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.928 : **Claims Processing Improvement Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 5/9/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.930 : **Post-9/11 Educational Assistance & Overpayments.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in cases of overpayments of educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, to deduct amounts for repayment from the last months of educational assistance entitlement, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Bennet, Michael F. [CO] (introduced 5/13/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.932 : Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 5/13/2013)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Related Bills: H.R.813

Latest Major Action: 11/19/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.935 : Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requesting additional medical examinations of veterans who have submitted sufficient medical evidence provided by non-Department medical professionals and to improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Franken, Al [MN] (introduced 5/13/2013)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Related Bills: H.R.1980

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.938 : Franchise Education for Veterans Act of 2013. 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, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 5/14/2013)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Related Bills: H.R.179

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.939 : BVA Motions for Reconsideration. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat certain misfiled documents as motions for reconsideration of decisions by the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 5/14/2013)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.944 : Veterans' Educational Transition Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for

purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 5/14/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/9/2013 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 258.

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S.1039 : Spouses of Heroes Education Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Merkley, Jeff [OR] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

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S.1042 : The Veterans Legal Support Act of 2013. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1046 : Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act of 2013. A bill to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

Sponsor: Sen Schatz, Brian [HI] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: Senate Indian Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S.1061 : Veterans Access to Care Act. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Major Action: 5/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.1076 : **Disabled Military Child Protection Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of monthly annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to a supplemental or special needs trust established for the sole benefit of a disabled dependent child of a participant in the Survivor Benefit Plan.

Sponsor: Sen Hagan, Kay [NC] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Related Bills: 2249

Committees: Senate Armed Services

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S.1078 : **TRICARE Prime Retention.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime.

Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 5/23/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1971

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1089 : **Servicemembers and Veterans Prescription Drug Safety Act of 2013.** A bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Collins, Susan M. [ME] (introduced 6/4/2013)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.1148 : **Veterans Benefits Claims Faster Filing Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heinrich, Martin [NM] (introduced 6/12/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1809

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1155 : **Rural Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act.** A bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 6/12/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1165 : **Access to Appropriate Immunizations for Veterans Act of 2013.** 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 6/13/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1174 : 65th Infantry Regiment CGM. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 6/18/2013)

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.1197 : **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.** An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 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 6/20/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1960

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Senate Reports: 113-44

Latest Major Action: 12/9/2013 Senate floor actions. Status: Considered by Senate.

S.1211 : **Term "GI Bill" Exclusive DVA Use.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the use of the phrases GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill to give a false impression of approval or endorsement by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 6/20/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1216 : **Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Bennet, Michael F. [CO] (introduced 6/25/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1255 : Veterans Travel Tax Relief Act of 2013. 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 6/27/2013)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 6/27/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1262 : Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2013. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 6/27/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/19/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.1281 : Veterans and Servicemembers Employment Rights and Housing Act of 2013. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of military service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 7/11/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.2654

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1295 : Notice of Relevant Services Available to Vets from VSO's. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with notice, when veterans electronically file claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, that relevant services may be available from veterans service organizations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 7/15/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1296 : Servicemember's Electronic Health Records Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Wounded Warrior Act to establish a specific timeline for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to achieve interoperable electronic health records, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 7/15/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.2590

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1320 : **Military Reserve Jobs Act of 2013.** A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

Sponsor: Sen Donnelly, Joe [IN] (introduced 7/18/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.2785

Committees: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/18/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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S.1403 : **Helping Heroes Fly Act.** A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to facilitate the screening of severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans at airports, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Pryor, Mark L. [AR] (introduced 7/31/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.1344, S.1367

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Note: For further action, see [H.R.1344](#) , which became Public Law 113-27 on 8/9/2013.

S.1411 : **Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2013.** A bill to specify requirements for the next update of the current strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health 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 7/31/2013) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1547 : **Veterans Dialysis Pilot Program Review Act of 2013.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the dialysis pilot program implemented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and submit a report to Congress before expanding that program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 9/25/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1558 : Veterans Outreach Enhancement Act of 2013. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of outreach for veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 9/27/2013)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1559 : Benefits Fairness for Filipino Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the method of determining whether Filipino veterans are United States residents for purposes of eligibility for receipt of the full-dollar rate of compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 9/27/2013) Related Bills: H.R.3207
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1564 : Protecting Those Who Protected Us Act of 2013. A bill making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits and services in the event of a Government shutdown.
Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 9/30/2013)
Committees: Senate Appropriations
Latest Major Action: 9/30/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

S.1573 : Military Family Relief Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 10/16/2013)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1578 : VA Payment for MFH Care. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to cover the costs associated with the care of veterans at medical foster homes.
Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/28/2013)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1580 : **Ensuring Safe Shelter for Homeless Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require recipients of per diem payments from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1581 : **Survivors of Military Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Act of 2013.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide counseling and treatment for sexual trauma to members of the Armed Forces, to require the Secretary to screen veterans for domestic abuse, to require the Secretary to submit reports on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/19/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.1583 : **Mental Health Support for Veteran Families and Caregivers Act of 2013.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an education program and peer support program for the education and training of family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1584 : **Disabled Vet Replacement Cars.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide replacement automobiles for certain disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1585 : **Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program Premium Rates.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to update the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program to base premium rates on the Commissioners 2001 Standard Ordinary Mortality Table instead of the Commissioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1586 : Enhanced Dental Care for Veterans Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/28/2013) Related Bills: H.R.5032

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1588 : Vet Reimbursement from VA for Emergency Medical Treatment. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1589 : Improving Quality of Care Within the Department of Veterans Affairs Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs has an up-to-date policy on reporting of cases of infectious diseases, to require an independent assessment of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S.1591 : Hire A Hero Act of 2013. 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 Hagan, Kay [NC] (introduced 10/28/2013)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 10/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1602 : Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2013. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of

health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to provide certain services to those descendants, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 10/29/2013) Related Bills: H.R.4816

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/29/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1604 : Veterans Health Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 10/29/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/19/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.1624 : VOW to Hire Heroes Extension Act of 2013. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit for hiring veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 10/30/2013) Related Bills: H.R.3395

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 10/30/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1637 : United We Stand to Hire Veterans Act. A bill to better connect current and former members of the Armed Forces with employment opportunities by consolidating duplicative Federal Government Internet websites into a single portal, to conserve resources by merging redundant and competing programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Manchin, Joe, III [WV] (introduced 10/31/2013)

Related Bills: H.R.3405

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/31/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1643 : Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education.

Sponsor: Sen Cardin, Benjamin L. [MD] (introduced 11/4/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/4/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1662 — **Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2013.** A bill to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provision of health care services, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY] (Introduced 11/07/2013)
Latest Action: 11/07/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7929)

S.1682 — **Veterans Education Counseling Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain clarifications and improvements in the academic and vocational counseling programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] (Introduced 11/12/2013)
Latest Action: 11/12/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1707 — **Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act.** bill to exclude consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pensions made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV] (Introduced 11/14/2013)
Latest Action: 11/14/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.1717 — **SERVE Act of 2013.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve oversight of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA] (Introduced 11/14/2013)
Latest Action: 11/14/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1736 — **SERVE Act.** A bill to amend titles 5 and 38, United States Code, to clarify the veteran status of an individual based on the attendance of the individual at a preparatory school of a service academy, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard [D-IL] (Introduced 11/19/2013)
Latest Action: 11/19/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8193)

S.1740 — **Department of Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Lease Authorization Act of 2013.** A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA] (Introduced 11/20/2013)
Latest Action: 11/20/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1755 — **Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2013.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen. Toomey, Pat [R-PA] (Introduced 11/21/2013)

Latest Action: 11/21/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1827 : **American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

Sponsor: Sen Manchin, Joe, III [WV] (introduced 12/15/2013)

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/15/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.1844 : **Military Retirement Restoration Act.** A bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 12/17/2013)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 12/17/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1856 : **Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62.** A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62.

Sponsor: Sen Pryor, Mark L. [AR] (introduced 12/18/2013)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 12/18/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1869 : **Keeping Our Promise to Our Military Heroes Act.** A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

Sponsor: Sen Ayotte, Kelly [NH] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1872 : Repeal Annual COLA Reduction for Military Retirees under 62. A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.

Sponsor: Sen Pryor, Mark L. [AR] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1880 : Exempt 2016 COLA Reduction for Retired Disabled Vets. A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 12/19/2013)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 12/19/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1892 : Establish VA Registry for Canadian Forces Base Gagetown Vets. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Collins, Susan M. [ME] (introduced 12/20/2013)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/20/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1918 : Clarity for Military Retiree Health Care Act. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special change in status rule for employees who become eligible for TRICARE.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 1/14/2014)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1930 : Uphold Our Promise to Veterans Act. A bill to repeal the annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Paul, Rand [KY] (introduced 1/15/2014) Related Bills: H.R.3807

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/15/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1950 : Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014. A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 1/16/2014)

Latest Major Action: 1/27/2014 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 297.

S.1982 : Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014. A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 2/3/2014)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2014 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 301.

S.1985 : Veterans Health Care Access Received Closer to Home Act of 2014. A bill to reauthorize and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides health services to veterans through qualifying non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 2/3/2014) Related Bills: H.R.3858

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1986 : Streamlining Services for Older Veterans Act. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for outreach, and coordination of services, to veterans.

Sponsor: Sen Manchin, Joe, III [WV] (introduced 2/3/2014) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.1987 : VAMC West Los Angeles Lease Authorization. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for certain buildings of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 2/4/2014) Related Bills: H.R.4004

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1993 : **Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2014.** A bill to protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Warren, Elizabeth [MA] (introduced 2/4/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1994 : **TRICARE Moms Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the availability of breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling under the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 2/4/2014) Related Bills: H.R.4492

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1999 : **SCRA Rights Protection Act of 2014.** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Graham, Lindsey [SC] (introduced 2/6/2014) Related Bills: H.R.4068

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/6/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2009 : **Rural Veterans Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Udall, Tom [NM] (introduced 2/10/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/10/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2014 : **GI Education Benefit Fairness Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for clarification regarding the children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 2/11/2014) Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2091 : **21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 3/6/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2095 : **Veterans Health Care Access Received Closer to Home Act of 2014.** A bill to reauthorize and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides health services to veterans through qualifying non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 3/6/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2138 : **Veterans Hiring Act.** A bill to provide a payroll tax holiday for newly hired veterans.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 3/13/2014)

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2143 : **Veterans Entrepreneurship Act.** A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 3/13/2014)

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S.2145 : **Veteran Voting Support Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 3/13/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2179 : **Homeless Veterans Services Protection Act of 2014.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish benefits for homeless

veterans to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces under other than honorable conditions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 3/27/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2182 : Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act. A bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Walsh, John E. [MT] (introduced 3/27/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2190 : Hire More Heroes Act of 2014. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Sponsor: Sen Blunt, Roy [MO] (introduced 4/1/2014) Related Bills: H.R.3474

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 4/1/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2217 : Military Mental Health Review Board Improvement Act. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the participation of mental health professionals in boards for the correction of military records and boards for the review of the discharge or dismissal of members of the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 4/7/2014)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/7/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.2243 : Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2014. A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 4/10/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/10/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2258 : **Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014.** A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, 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 Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 4/28/2014) Related Bills: H.R.357, H.R.569, H.R.570, H.R.4095, H.R.4096, S.893

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2264 : **World War I Memorial Act of 2014.** A bill to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 4/28/2014) Related Bills: H.R.4489

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2276 : **Caring for America's Heroes Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Sen Blunt, Roy [MO] (introduced 5/1/2014) Related Bills: H.R.4656

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.2296 : **Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2014.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to employ at least three decision review officers at each regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 5/7/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2298 : **Wounded Veterans Recreation Act.** A bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 5/7/2014)

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2316 : **VA OIG Wait Time Report.** A bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Thune, John [SD] (introduced 5/12/2014)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/12/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2334 : Improving Opportunities for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Act of 2014.

A bill to amend the Small Business Act and title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consolidated definition of a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen King, Angus S. Jr. [ME] (introduced 5/14/2014) Related Bills: H.R.2882, H.R.4435

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S.2337 : Hmong Veterans' Service Recognition Act. A bill 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: Sen Murkowski, Lisa [AK] (introduced 5/14/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2362 : Prohibit VA Employee Performance Awards. A bill to prohibit the payment of performance awards in fiscal year 2015 to employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Fischer, Deb [NE] (introduced 5/20/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/20/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2396 : Veteran Entrepreneurship and Training Opportunities Act of 2014. A bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Pryor, Mark L. [AR] (introduced 5/22/2014)

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Major Action: 5/22/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S.2401 : Increasing Medical Oversight in the Department of Veterans Affairs Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of the Medical Inspector within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 5/22/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/22/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2413 : **Restoring Veterans Trust Act of 2014.** A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 6/2/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/2/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2419 : **VA Accountability Act of 2014.** A bill to protect America's veterans from dishonesty and malfeasance in the delivery of medical services and to hold the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable to those they serve.

Sponsor: Sen Toomey, Pat [PA] (introduced 6/3/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2422 : **Improve Access to VA Medical Care.** A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 6/3/2014)

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2014 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 408.

S.2423 : **Veterans Access to Care Accountability Act.** A bill to improve wait times for appointments for hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve accountability of employees responsible for long wait times for such appointments, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 6/3/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2424 : **Veterans Choice Act of 2014.** A bill to provide veterans with the choice of medical providers and to increase transparency and accountability of operations of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 6/3/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2425 : **Ensuring Veterans' Resiliency Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to reduce the shortage of psychiatrists in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs by repaying loans for certain psychiatrists, to carry out a pilot program to provide housing allowances to health care providers of the Veterans Health Administration who accept assignment at rural and highly rural clinics, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Begich, Mark [AK] (introduced 6/4/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2428 : Transparency in Cost of Veterans Care Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs provides temporary care in the most cost effective manner when patients are relocated during medical facility construction and renovation projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Leahy, Patrick J. [VT] (introduced 6/4/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2448 : Servicemember Higher Education Protection Act. A bill to protect servicemembers in higher education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Hagan, Kay [NC] (introduced 6/5/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/5/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2450 : Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT] (introduced 6/9/2014) Related Bills: H.R.3230, H.R.4841

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2014 Senate floor actions. Status: Senate passed companion measure H.R. 3230 in lieu of this measure by Yea-Nay Vote. 93 - 3. Record Vote Number: 187.

Latest Action: 6/11/2014 See also H.R. 3230.

S.2467 : Continuing Care for Veterans Act of 2014. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from altering available health care and wait times for appointments for health care for certain veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Pryor, Mark L. [AR] (introduced 6/12/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2468 : Veterans Emergency Health Care Safety Net Expansion Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and to require that the Department of Veterans Affairs be treated as a participating provider for the recovery of the costs of certain medical care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 6/12/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2545 : Revocation of Bonuses Paid to VA Employees Involved in Wait List Manipulations. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Ayotte, Kelly [NH] (introduced 6/26/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2606 : Terminate DVA Whistleblower Retaliators. A bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower.

Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 7/15/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2607 : Assisted Living Pilot Program for Vets with TBI Extension Act. A bill to extend and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen Booker, Cory A. [NJ] (introduced 7/15/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2654 : Veterans' Credit Protection Act. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of certain delayed payments by the Secretary, to require the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report regarding such delayed payments, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Landrieu, Mary L. [LA] (introduced 7/24/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/24/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2700 : Honor Those Who Served Act of 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to identify the persons who are eligible to request headstones or markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Portman, Rob [OH] (introduced 7/30/2014)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/30/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2707 : Veterans TRICARE Choice Act. A bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account.
Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 7/30/2014) Related Bills: H.R.4682
Committees: Senate Finance
Latest Major Action: 7/30/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2738 : Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 7/31/2014)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.2740 : Connect with Veterans Act of 2014. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Heitkamp, Heidi [ND] (introduced 7/31/2014)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/31/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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