

# VETERAN LEGISLATION

12 September 2013



As of 12 SEP, of the 3083 House and 1496 Senate items of legislation introduced in the 113th Congress, the following are of interest to the non-active duty veteran community. The House and Senate have been in recess for the last month and will not return until 9 SEP. Thus, no new legislation has been introduced. A good indication on the likelihood of a bill of being forwarded to the House or Senate for passage and subsequently being signed into law by the President is the number of cosponsors who have signed onto the bill. An alternate way for it to become law is if it is added as an addendum to another bill such as the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and survives the conference committee assigned to iron out the difference between the House and Senate bills. At <http://thomas.loc.gov> you can review a copy of each bill's text, determine its current status and number of cosponsors, the committee it has been assigned to, who your representative is and his/her phone number, mailing address, or email/website to communicate with a message or letter of your own making, and if your legislator is a sponsor or cosponsor of it. To separately determine what bills, amendments your representative has sponsored, cosponsored, or dropped sponsorship on refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d111/sponlst.html>. To review a numerical list of all bills introduced refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/111search.html>.

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

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# House Legislation

## House Bills

**Note:** Go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php> and enter bill number in the Search block to determine current cosponsor status and last major action taken by the House.

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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: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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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: 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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

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**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.

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**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: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 1/4/2013 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.

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**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: 1/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 1/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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**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: 1/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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.

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**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: 5/20/2013 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 390 - 3 (Roll no. 161).  
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**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: 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
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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: 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**H.R.303 : Retired Pay Restoration Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.  
Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 1/15/2013)                      Related Bills: S.234  
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 1/15/2013 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.

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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: 1/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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**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: 1/18/2013 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.

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**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: 1/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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**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: 1/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 1/22/2013 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.

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**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)  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 1/29/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**H.R.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: 2/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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.

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**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: 2/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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**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: 2/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 2/5/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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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: 2/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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  
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 2/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 2/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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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: 6/4/2013 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

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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: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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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: 2/22/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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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.

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**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: 2/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 2/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 2/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: 2/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: 3/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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**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: 3/5/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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**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: 3/5/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 3/13/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 3/13/2013 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.

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**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: 3/13/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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**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.

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**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: 3/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/20/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 3/20/2013 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.

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**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: 3/20/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 8/9/2013 Signed into law by the President.

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**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: 3/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 3/21/2013 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.

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**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: 3/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 3/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 3/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 5/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.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: 4/9/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 4/9/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/9/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/9/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/11/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/11/2013 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.

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**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: 4/11/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: 4/24/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/24/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 4/24/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: 4/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

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**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: 5/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**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: 4/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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: 5/9/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.



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**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: 5/13/2013 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.

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**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: 5/23/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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**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: 5/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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**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: 5/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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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: 5/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/16/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.2216 : Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014.**

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

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2013 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 421 - 4 (Roll no. 193).

Latest Action: 6/4/2013 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. House Reports: 113-90

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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: 5/16/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 5/16/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

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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: 5/16/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 5/20/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Small Business, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.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: 5/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 5/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 5/23/2013 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.

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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: 5/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 5/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 5/23/2013 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.

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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: 5/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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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: 5/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

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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: 6/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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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

Committees: House Appropriations; Senate Appropriations

House Reports: 113-90

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

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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: 6/6/2013 Introduced in House

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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: 6/6/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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

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

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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: 6/12/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: 6/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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



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**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: 6/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: 6/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**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.

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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: 6/27/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 6/28/2013 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.

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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: 7/11/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.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: 7/11/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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.

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**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: 7/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**H.R.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: 7/19/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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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.

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

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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)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Small Business

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**H.R.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: 8/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**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: 8/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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**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: 8/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.

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**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: 8/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 8/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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.

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**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: 8/1/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

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

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# Senate Legislation

## Senate Bills

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

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**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: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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**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: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: 2/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 2/12/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 2/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 2/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 2/26/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 2/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 2/28/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/5/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 3/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 3/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 3/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 3/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 3/20/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 3/21/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 4/9/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/9/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/10/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 4/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 4/16/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 4/17/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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: 4/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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.

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**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: 4/25/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/25/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 4/25/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/9/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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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: 4/25/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/6/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 5/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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  
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs  
Latest Major Action: 5/8/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/8/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/9/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/9/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/9/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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)

Related Bills: H.R.813

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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)

Related Bills: H.R.1980

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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)

Related Bills: H.R.179

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 5/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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

Latest Major Action: 5/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on 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: 5/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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**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.

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**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: 6/12/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 6/12/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 6/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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

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**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: 6/20/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 6/25/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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.

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**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: 6/27/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 7/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 7/15/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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: 7/15/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**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

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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. H.R.1344 Signed into law by the President

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**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, AI [MN] (introduced 7/31/2013) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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